

Checklist: Risk of Significant Harm

Are the child's basic physical and psychological needs not met?

Some examples: the child fails to get fed routinely and adequately; is under-dressed or inappropriately dressed for weather; left in dirty nappies and clothes; goes to sleep on inadequate bedding; experiences a chaotic lifestyle; kept in pram or care seat for excessively long periods; not supervised while playing; has access to dangerous items.

Does the parent fail to seek out or follow up on medical treatment for the child?

Does the child go to school? Is their attendance irregular?

Is the child exposed to adults fighting?

Is the child around adults using harmful substances?

Is the child's primary carer putting the needs of themselves or another person (for example boyfriend) ahead of the needs of the child?

Is the child left with other people they do not know or who are not appropriate or responsible?

Does this child have siblings already in out-of-home care?

Is the child's parent unwilling to seek out services to assist the family?

Does the child's parent fail to utilise or comply with support offered?

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