

Een veilig thuis voor iedereen (Engels)

# A safe home for all

Suspicious of child abuse, domestic violence and elder abuse

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## **Attention to safety**

We aim to provide optimum care at the Albert Schweitzer hospital. Part of that involves being alert to signs of unsafe situations at home. One of the coordinators for domestic violence may be consulted with regard to this.

# **Introduction**

Unsafe situations at home can threaten the development, health and safety of our patients.

Examples of this include: domestic violence or neglect by a household member or someone in the extended family. Abuse like this is a societal issue that may even lead to lasting physical and psychological damage.

The welfare of our patients and their families is a top priority for us. Our care professionals are legally obliged to be alert to potential signs of an unsafe situation. To help them identify these signs, our professionals consult the Reporting Code for Child Abuse and Domestic Violence.

# **What is the Reporting Code?**

The Reporting Code contains a step-by-step plan for what professionals like doctors or other care workers should do if they suspect situations of domestic violence, child abuse or elder abuse.

Professionals record all the potential signs of an unsafe situation on a screening form. If abuse is suspected, the screening form also calls for a child welfare check or a home caregiver support check to

be carried out. Therefore, the doctor or nurse may ask you questions about your situation at home.

One of the coordinators for domestic violence at the Albert Schweitzer hospital may also be consulted.

### **Child welfare check**

When adult patients are under our care, the Reporting Code also requires that a child welfare check be carried out. If a parent or caregiver under our care is responsible for minors, we will screen the person against the Reporting Code to see if there are any concerns about the welfare of the person's child or children.

For example: It's not good for children to grow up in a family where a parent:

- is being abused;
- is using drugs and/or drinking excessive amounts of alcohol;
- is experiencing severe psychological issues.

Veilig Thuis will be informed about situations like these.

### **Home caregiver support check**

When an adult patient is under our treatment, we also determine whether an individual is dependent on care in the home and whether additional help is needed.

## **Veilig Thuis**

We're not always able to provide appropriate assistance at the hospital. To ensure that individuals receive the right kind of support, we can contact Veilig Thuis. We will, however, always discuss this with you. Veilig Huis is an organisation that focuses primarily on safety and arranges appropriate assistance with the aim of improving the situation for everyone involved.

## Dare to report

If you do not feel safe at home, tell someone you trust. This could be your doctor or someone else you feel comfortable confiding in.

If you suspect domestic violence or child abuse in your home or other environment, contact Veilig Thuis.



[www.vooreenveiligthuis.nl](http://www.vooreenveiligthuis.nl)

## Questions?

If you have any questions after reading this leaflet, please contact the doctor treating you or one of the coordinators for domestic violence, child abuse or elder abuse by emailing: [huiselijkgeweld@asz.nl](mailto:huiselijkgeweld@asz.nl).

To learn more about the Reporting Code, visit:



[www.meldcode.nl](http://www.meldcode.nl)

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