

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION AND CARE PROGRAMME



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Child sexual molestation is a type of **abuse** against children in which an adult takes advantage of their physical superiority and age to impose sexual or sexualised activities on a child.

*It is estimated that **one in five** children in Europe are victims of sexual abuse.*

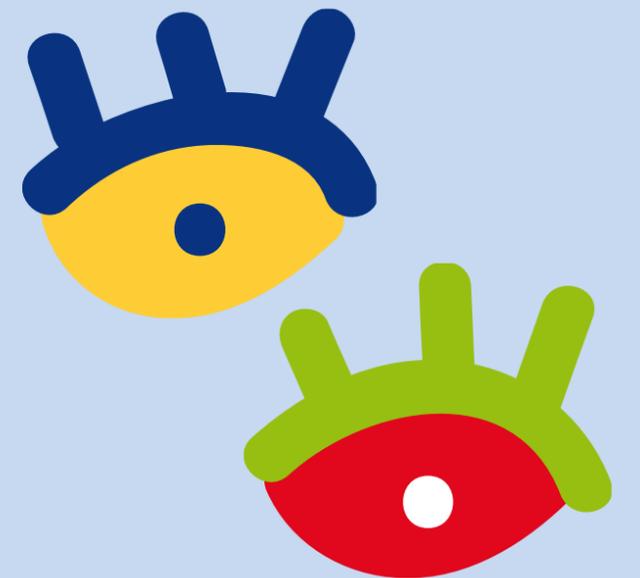


**ONE
IN
FIVE**

The **Convention on the Rights of the Child** establishes that governments have a **duty** to protect children against this and all other forms of violence.

For this reason, in 2017 Barcelona City Council launched the

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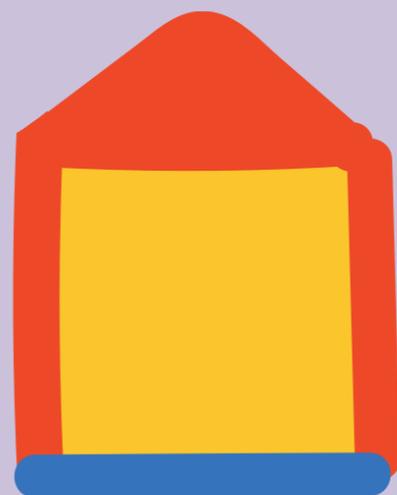
ZERO TOLE- RANCE



The purpose of this programme is to guarantee **zero tolerance** towards child sexual abuse and to ensure the safety and well-being of children in all spaces managed by the city authorities, while also taking the gender perspective into account.

*To this end, the Council has launched a **programme to assess and improve municipal facilities** frequented by children: libraries, youth clubs, municipal sports facilities, play centres, etc.*

As part of this work, we provide child sexual abuse prevention **training** for municipal workers who manage services and facilities for children, as well as introducing specific protocols for action and drawing up proposals to **redesign and improve facilities** and furniture.



**REDESIGN
AND IMPROVE
FACILITIES**

We are also aware that **coordination between institutions** is key for addressing this problem.

COORDINATION

*Accordingly, we have created an **Inter-institutional Board** formed by departments and institutions engaged in different spheres of activity. This body meets annually to enable members to join forces and draw up proposals for action.*



Moreover, for prevention to be really effective, the involvement of civil society is indispensable.

*To this end, **regular meetings are held with local organisations** engaged in this field, and with which we share our determination to eradicate child sexual abuse.*



MEETINGS WITH LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

We are aware, too, that in order to end child sexual abuse, we must also **empower children** and provide them with the necessary tools so that they know their rights and can defend themselves against inappropriate behaviour by adults, as well as **knowing how to ask for help** when they need this.



**EMPOWER
CHILDREN**

Accordingly, Barcelona City Council has created a **section on the municipal website for children** to inform citizens about the free, open **resources** that exist to assist them in addressing the subject, both with their own children and with professionals.

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The section also contains details on all the protocols introduced to date.



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