Recognizing And Reporting Child Abuse Or Neglect: Your Legal And Ethical Duty Picture This



The image shows an educator kneeling beside a child who appears withdrawn while other children play nearby. The child avoids eye contact and clutches their clothing.

What’s concerning is not a visible injury, but the child’s behaviour and body language. Withdrawal, fearfulness, and changes in engagement can signal distress.

What should be avoided is dismissing these signs as “just a phase.” The behaviour to model is calm observation, documentation, and reporting when concerns persist.