

Empowering Youth: 11 Essential Actions When Facing Abuse at Age 13

Adolescence is a particularly vulnerable time in life, where the physical, emotional, and psychological changes that occur can make young individuals more susceptible to abuse. Unfortunately, abuse can take many forms and have devastating consequences for victims.



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If you are a 13-year-old who is being abused, it is imperative that you take action to protect yourself and seek help. Facing abuse can be daunting, but it is important to remember that you are not alone and there are resources available to assist you.

This article will provide you with 11 essential actions that you can take if you are being abused at the age of 13. These actions will help you to get the support you need, protect yourself from further harm, and start the healing process.

1. Tell Someone You Trust

One of the most important things you can do if you are being abused is to tell someone you trust, such as a parent, teacher, counselor, or another trusted adult. This person can help you to get the support and protection you need, and can assist you in reporting the abuse to the authorities.



2. Call the National Child Abuse Hotline

The National Child Abuse Hotline provides confidential support and referrals to children and adults who have been abused. You can call the hotline at 1-800-4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453) to speak to a trained counselor who can help you.

REPORT ABUSE

OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOME

Are you being bullied or teased outside of home?

Tell a trusted adult.

AT HOME

Are you being hit by an adult at home?

Tell a trusted adult and/or call the Child Abuse Hotline.

(1-888-767-2445)

AT HOME

Are you NOT getting taken care of at home?

For any emergencies, dial 911.



3. Contact a Local Child Protective Services Agency

Child Protective Services (CPS) is a government agency that investigates reports of child abuse and neglect. If you are being abused, you can contact CPS by calling 1-800-4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453) or by visiting their website at <https://www.childwelfare.gov/>.



4. File a Police Report

If you have been physically abused, you can file a police report with the local police department. When you file a police report, you will need to provide the police with as much information as possible about the abuse, including the name of the abuser, the date and time of the abuse, and any witnesses to the abuse.



5. Get Medical Help

If you have been physically abused, it is important to get medical help as soon as possible. A doctor can examine you for injuries and provide you with treatment. A doctor can also help you to document the abuse, which can be helpful if you decide to file a police report or pursue legal action.



6. Seek Emotional Support

Being abused can have a devastating impact on your emotional health. It is important to seek emotional support from a therapist, counselor, or other trusted adult. A therapist can help you to process the trauma of the abuse, develop coping mechanisms, and rebuild your self-esteem.



7. Join a Support Group

Joining a support group can provide you with a safe and supportive environment where you can connect with other survivors of abuse. Support groups can offer you emotional support, validation, and practical advice.



8. Take Care of Yourself

It is important to take care of yourself both physically and emotionally after being abused. This means eating healthy foods, getting enough sleep, and exercising regularly. You should also avoid using drugs or alcohol to cope with the trauma of the abuse.



9. Set Boundaries

After being abused, it is important to set clear boundaries with the abuser and with other people who may be harmful to you. This means letting people



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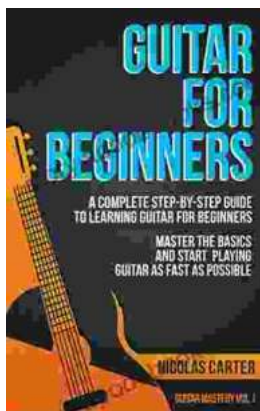
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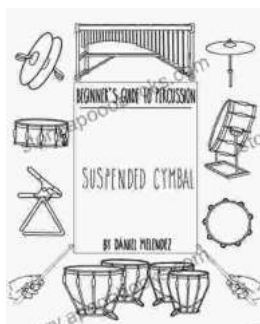
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