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Child Abuse / Online Abuse / and Laws For Children

Child abuse or maltreatment constitutes 'all forms of physical and/or emotional ill-treatment, sexual abuse, neglect or negligent treatment or commercial or other exploitation, resulting in actual or potential harm to the child's health, survival, development or dignity in the context of a relationship of responsibility, trust or power. (World Health Organization, 2005)

Article 37(a) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child states that "no child shall be subjected to torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment".

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Child Labour

The International Labor Organization states that not all work done by children should be classified as child labor that is to be targeted for elimination. Children's or adolescents' participation in work that does not affect their health and personal development or interfere with their schooling is generally regarded as something positive. This includes activities such as *helping their parents around the home, assisting in a family business or earning pocket money outside school hours and during school holidays*. These kinds of activities contribute to children's development and to the welfare of their families; they provide them with skills and experience, and help to prepare them to be productive members of society during their adult life.

The term “*child labor*” is often defined as *work that deprives children of their childhood, their potential and their dignity, and that is harmful to physical and mental development*. It refers to work that:

- is mentally, physically, socially or morally dangerous and harmful to children; and
- interferes with their schooling by:
 - depriving them of the opportunity to attend school;
 - obliging them to leave school prematurely; or
 - Requiring them to attempt to combine school attendance with excessively long and heavy work.

POLICY AND LAW ON CHILD LABOUR

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Child Marriage

Child marriage has adverse effects for the child and for society as a whole. According to UNICEF, Child marriage is defined as a marriage of a girl or boy before the age of 18 and refers to both formal marriages and informal unions in which children under the age of 18 live with an unmarried partner. Child marriage denies a girl of her childhood. (UNICEF, 2012)

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Currently, child marriage is legally prohibited in Pakistan, with the minimum age for marriage set at 18 years for both males and females under the Child Marriage Restraint Act 2025. - Pakistan: President Grants Assent to Islamabad Child Marriage Law

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Adoption

Child Adoption is a process through which an adopted child is permanently separated from his or her biological parents and becomes the legitimate child of his / her adoptive parents, with all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities that are attached to such a relationship

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