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Many children are living a life of misery. Even sexual harassment/abuse often remains undiscovered.

Sexual violence affects girls and boys of all age groups and all social classes, irrespective of nationality or cultural background, as well as disabled and non-disabled children and young people.

According to criminal department statistics, around 20,000 children are abused each year. Of children subjected to sexual abuse, 70-80% are girls.

The most frequently affected groups are (female) children aged between 7 and 13.

The second largest group at risk are 0 to 5 year-olds.

Girls affected by abuse can contact the Wild Water advisory centre for girls on tel. 030-7865017 or 030-282 44 27, the emergency service for girls on tel. 030-21003999 or call in at the women's all night café at Friesenstrasse 6 (from 6 pm to 8 am).

Short-term consequences of violence are: phobias, depression, isolation, psychosomatic disorders, open aggression, open sexualised behaviour, conspicuous social behaviour.

Long-term consequences are: autoaggression, identity crisis, lack of self-esteem, eating and relationship disorders, posttraumatic stress disorders, problems with work.

Reactions relating to the discovery of sexual abuse suffered by victims can intensify fear, feelings of helplessness and traumatisation.

Everyday rage!

Protection for victims must be legally and financially secured once and for all!