

# FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

“Female genital mutilation (FGM) comprises all procedures that involve partial or total removal of the external female genitalia, or other injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons”  
(WHO)

“Has the girl returned late to school after the school holidays?”

“Has the girl spoken about having a genital piercing?”

“Is the girl talking about a special procedure or ceremony she has been to?”

“Has her behavior changed, has she become more withdrawn?”

“Is the girl struggling to walk or sit down?”



Developing excellence  
in response to FGM

For advice and guidance on FGM please contact MASH (01375 652802). You can also contact your FGM worker on 07885202128 or at [sagal.warsame@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:sagal.warsame@barnardos.org.uk)

## IF YOU ARE CONCERNED A GIRL IS AT RISK OF FGM

Follow your normal safeguarding procedures.

## IF A DISCLOSURE HAS BEEN MADE BY A CHILD OR YOU HAVE SEEN PHYSICAL SIGNS OF FGM

Follow your normal safeguarding procedures. If you are a regulated professional and the girl is under 18 alert the police on 101 as part of your mandatory reporting duty.

## IF THE GIRL IS IN IMMEDIATE DANGER

Alert the police on 999 and follow your normal safeguarding procedures.

