

Signs of Witchcraft and Abuse Linked to Faith or Belief

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Beliefs about:

spirit possession

dakini (Hinduism)

the evil eye or djinns (Islam)

demons or devil acting through children (Christianity)

sacrificial rituals involving children

use of magic/witchcraft to create fear

👁️ Things to Look Out For

Physical signs, e.g. bruising, burns, cuts, sore eyes or genitals where chilli peppers have been rubbed onto them

Signs of neglect

Child talk about being 'evil' or using certain terms

Emotional or behavioural changes

Change in appearance or wearing special items to 'protect them'

Poor **school attendance**



Listen Out For

Having the devil beaten out of me... djinn... kindoki... ndoki... black magic... Obeah... juju... voodoo... I'm a witch... I'm possessed...



What Can I Do?

Understand the community you work within.

Dismiss any personal worries about upsetting a family or disrespecting a certain culture when reporting concerns.

Report to your DSL.

Find out more:

