



CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

At the **MELENOS LINDOS ART BOUTIQUE HOTEL** we recognize the importance of protecting children (individuals under 18 years old) from all forms of abuse (physical, sexual, psychological and neglect)

Definitions

The World Health Organization (WHO) defines *child abuse* and *child maltreatment* as "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.

Physical Abuse:

Intentional use of physical force against the child that results in – or has a high likelihood of resulting in – harm for the child's health, survival, development or dignity. This includes hitting, beating, kicking, shaking, biting, strangling, scalding, burning, poisoning and suffocating. Much physical violence against children in the home is inflicted with the object of punishing.

Sexual Abuse:

Child sexual abuse (CSA) is a form of child abuse in which an adult or older adolescent abuses a child for sexual stimulation. Sexual abuse refers to the participation of a child in a sexual act aimed toward the physical gratification or the financial profit of the person committing the act. Forms of CSA include asking or pressuring a child to engage in sexual activities (regardless of the outcome), indecent exposure of the genitals to a child, displaying pornography to a child, actual sexual contact with a child, physical contact with the child's genitals, viewing of the child's genitalia without physical contact, or using a child to produce child pornography. Selling the sexual services of children may be viewed and treated as child abuse with services offered to the child rather than simple incarceration.

Psychological Abuse:

Non accidental verbal or symbolic acts by a child's parent or caregiver that result, or have reasonable potential to result, in significant psychological harm to the child.

Neglect:

Child neglect is the failure of a parent or other person with responsibility for the child, to provide needed food, clothing, shelter, medical care, or supervision to the degree that the child's health, safety or well-being may be threatened with harm. Neglect is also a lack of attention from the people surrounding a child, and the non-provision of the relevant and adequate necessities for the child's survival, which would be a lacking in attention, love, and nurture.

We clearly state that we will show zero tolerance to any of the actions mentioned above.

Our staff is being trained regularly on ways to recognize and report such practices.

If you are suspicious, you should seek immediate superior, and provide detailed information heard or seen.

The superior will then decide the next steps, which may be:

a) inform their superior b) inform the authorities.

Any member of the staff or guest that witnesses such or relevant behaviors must communicate the front desk immediately or call anonymously National Children Protection SOS line 1056

All issues in relation to our child protection policy are handled by owner Mr. Melenos Michalis

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Hotel Owner

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