## PTSD- post traumatic stress disorder

 Experiencing recurring images and nightmares of the event

Fear and anxiety

 Avoiding people, places, events that remind them of the traumatic event

Intense physical and psychological distress when exposed to sights/ sounds symbolizing events

Sad, crying, clinging to parent

Withdrawal from family and friends

Irritable and easily angry

Difficulty
concentrating

 Loss of interest/ no motivation to carry on daily activities, even those that they like i.e. play

Lack of energy,
tiredness, (also a result of stress)

Sleep disturbances

Body aches--children particularly may complain headaches, chest pain and

## abdominal/ stomach pain.

Feeding problems/ loss of appetite

Bed-wetting

- Attempts of suicide/ self-harm
- Frequent illness and skin and respiratory ailments

Use of drugs/ alcohol
to cope with the
situation