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The answer is:
intersectionality of risk factors.
But what does that mean?



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When multiple vulnerabilities overlap in a child's life, the risk of exploitation increases.

It's rarely a single factor. Discrimination based on gender, ethnicity, or disability interacts with poverty, migration background, and social exclusion, creating higher exposure to exploitation.

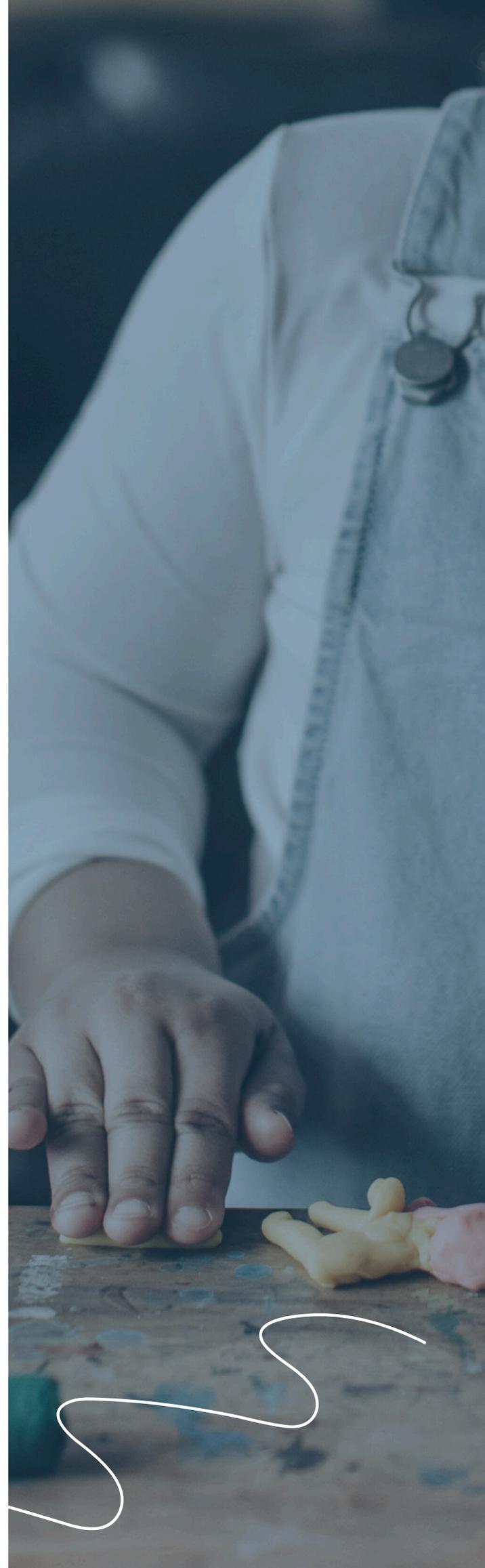
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Common risk factors include:

- sex and gender,
- economic and social poverty,
- migration background,
- disability,
- other forms of exclusion.

It is the combination of these factors – not any single one – that increases vulnerability.

Understanding these overlapping risks is the first step toward protection. Recognising who is most exposed helps target prevention and support where it matters most.





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