

## INDICATORS OF CHILD ABUSE

TYPE OF ABUSE	PHYSICAL INDICATORS	BEHAVIORAL INDICATORS
PHYSICAL	<p>Unexplained bruises and welts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On face, lips, or mouth</li> <li>- On torso, back, buttocks, or thighs</li> <li>- In various stages of healing</li> <li>- Clustered or forming patterns</li> <li>- Shaped like recognizable object (e.g. belt buckle)</li> <li>- Appearing regularly after absences, weekends, or vacation periods</li> </ul> <p>Unexplained burns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- By cigars or cigarettes, especially on soles, palms, back or buttocks</li> <li>- By immersion in hot liquid, especially on hands, feet, buttocks or genitalia</li> <li>- Shaped in a recognizable form (e.g. electric range coils, electric iron)</li> <li>- By rope on arms, legs, neck or torso</li> </ul> <p>Unexplained fractures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Of skull, nose, or facial bones</li> <li>- In various stages of healing</li> <li>- In multiple locations</li> </ul> <p>Unexplained lacerations or abrasions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On mouth, lips, gums, or eyes</li> <li>- On external genitalia</li> </ul>	<p>Wary of adult contacts  Apprehensive when other children cry  Extreme aggressiveness or extreme withdrawal  Fear of parents  Fear of going home  Reporting of injury by parents or others</p>
SEXUAL	<p>Difficulty in walking or sitting  Torn, stained, or bloody underclothes  Pain or itching in genital area  Bruises or bleeding in external genitalia, vaginal, or anal areas  Venereal disease symptoms, especially in pre-teens  Pregnancy</p>	<p>Unwillingness to change clothing or to participate in physical education classes  Withdrawal, fantasy, or infantile behavior  Bizarre, sophisticated, or unusual sexual behavior or knowledge  Poor peer relationships  Chronic delinquency  Reporting of sexual assaults</p>
EMOTIONAL	<p>Speech discords  Lag in Physical development  Severe allergies, asthma, or ulcers  Alcohol or drug abuse</p>	<p>Habit disorders (e.g., thumb sucking, lip biting, rocking)  Antisocial or destructive conduct  Psychoneurotic traits (e.g., hysteria, obsessions, compulsions, phobias, hypochondria)  Behavior extremes of compliance or aggression  Inappropriate adult or infantile behavior  Mental and emotional developmental lags  Suicide threats or attempts</p>
NEGLECT	<p>Consistent hunger  Poor hygiene  Inappropriate dress  Unattended physical problems or medical needs  Alcohol or drug abuse</p>	<p>Begging or stealing food  Early arrivals and late departures  Constant fatigue or listlessness  Chronic delinquency, especially thefts  Reporting of no caretaker at home.</p>