

**We deserve to be free from
abuse and neglect.
Please protect us by
reporting your suspicions.**



⌘ If we're not in immediate danger, call the Child Protection Hotline at **800-752-6200**

OR the County Dept. for Community Based Services _____.

⌘ If we are in immediate danger, call 911 or the local police department _____

	Behavioral Indicators	Physical Indicators
Neglect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Falling asleep in school ■ Poor school attendance or chronic lateness ■ Chronically hungry or fatigued ■ Begging or stealing food from other children ■ Craving adult attention or significantly withdrawn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Poor hygiene ■ Underweight appearance, poor growth (small in stature, failure to thrive) ■ Poor dental health ■ Untreated illness and/or injury ■ Inadequate or inappropriate clothing for the season
Physical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Overly compliant to avoid confrontation ■ Fearful of physical contact ■ Excessively self-controlled ■ Indiscriminant attachment to strangers ■ Extreme aggressiveness or hurts other children ■ Rageful temper tantrums 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Bruises on back of body, in unusual patterns or cluster, in various stages of healing, on an infant ■ Lacerations & abrasions on lips, eyes, gum tissue, infant's face, external genitals, on buttocks/back ■ Immersion burns with distinct shapes; cigarette burns; rope burns; dry burns (e.g., by iron) ■ Skeletal, head or internal injuries
Emotional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Aggressive or cruel to others ■ Behavior extremes ■ Destructive or angry acts (such as setting fires, cruelty to animals, destroying property) ■ Difficulty forming relationships ■ Withdrawn or shy, passive or compliant ■ Lags in physical, mental and/or emotional development ■ Severe anxiety or depression 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pulls out own hair ■ Severe weight loss ■ Self-mutilation
Sexual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Poor relationships with other children ■ Return to younger, more babyish behavior (e.g., an older child bedwetting) ■ Knowledge of sexual behaviors inconsistent with developmental level ■ Aggressiveness or delinquency ■ Running away from home ■ Drug usage ■ Behavior that appears to be sexual ■ Reluctance to participate in recreational activities (sports, clubs, physical education, etc.) ■ Preoccupation in young children with sexual organs of self, parents, or other children beyond what is developmentally appropriate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Difficulty walking or sitting ■ Bruises or bleeding from external genitalia, vagina, or anal regions ■ Swelling or inflammation of the genital area ■ Torn, stained or bloody underclothes ■ Pain, itching or unexplained infections in the genital area ■ Pregnancy