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



X If we're not in immediate danger, call the Child Protection Hotline at 877-597-2331.

OR the County Dept. for Community Based Services ______.

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

	Behavioral Indicators	Physical Indicators
Neglect	 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Chronically hungry or fatigued Begging or stealing food from other children Craving adult attention or significantly withdrawn 	 Poor hygiene Underweight appearance, poor growth (small in stature, failure to thrive) Poor dental health Untreated illness and/or injury Inadequate or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	 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 	 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	 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or angry acts (such as setting fires, cruelty to animals, destroying property) Difficulty forming relationships Withdrawn or shy, passive or compliant Lags in physical, mental and/or emotional development Severe anxiety or depression 	 Pulls out own hair Severe weight loss Self-mutilation
Sexual	 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 	 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