## 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

	<b>Behavioral Indicators</b>	<b>Physical Indicators</b>
Neglect	<ul> <li>Falling asleep in school</li> <li>Poor school attendance or chronic lateness</li> <li>Chronically hungry or fatigued</li> <li>Begging or stealing food from other children</li> <li>Craving adult attention or significantly withdrawn</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Poor hygiene</li> <li>Underweight appearance, poor growth (small in stature, failure to thrive)</li> <li>Poor dental health</li> <li>Untreated illness and/or injury</li> <li>Inadequate or inappropriate clothing for the season</li> </ul>
Physical	<ul> <li>Overly compliant to avoid confrontation</li> <li>Fearful of physical contact</li> <li>Excessively self-controlled</li> <li>Indiscriminant attachment to strangers</li> <li>Extreme aggressiveness or hurts other children</li> <li>Rageful temper tantrums</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Bruises on back of body, in unusual patterns or cluster, in various stages of healing, on an infant</li> <li>Lacerations &amp; abrasions on lips, eyes, gum tissue, infant's face, external genitals, on buttocks/back</li> <li>Immersion burns with distinct shapes; cigarette burns; rope burns; dry burns (e.g., by iron)</li> <li>Skeletal, head or internal injuries</li> </ul>
Emotional	<ul> <li>Aggressive or cruel to others</li> <li>Behavior extremes</li> <li>Destructive or angry acts (such as setting fires, cruelty to animals, destroying property)</li> <li>Difficulty forming relationships</li> <li>Withdrawn or shy, passive or compliant</li> <li>Lags in physical, mental and/or emotional development</li> <li>Severe anxiety or depression</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pulls out own hair</li> <li>Severe weight loss</li> <li>Self-mutilation</li> </ul>
Sexual	<ul> <li>Poor relationships with other children</li> <li>Return to younger, more babyish behavior (e.g., an older child bedwetting)</li> <li>Knowledge of sexual behaviors inconsistent with developmental level</li> <li>Aggressiveness or delinquency</li> <li>Running away from home</li> <li>Drug usage</li> <li>Behavior that appears to be sexual</li> <li>Reluctance to participate in recreational activities (sports, clubs, physical education, etc.)</li> <li>Preoccupation in young children with sexual organs of self, parents, or other children beyond what is developmentally appropriate</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Difficulty walking or sitting</li> <li>Bruises or bleeding from external genitalia, vagina, or anal regions</li> <li>Swelling or inflammation of the genital area</li> <li>Torn, stained or bloody underclothes</li> <li>Pain, itching or unexplained infections in the genital area</li> <li>Pregnancy</li> </ul>