

## Physical and Behavioral Indicators of Abuse

Type of Abuse	Physical Indicators	Behavioral Indicators
<b><u>Physical Abuse</u></b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Unexplained bruises (in various stages of healing).</li> <li>2) Unexplained burns, especially cigarette burns or immersion burns.</li> <li>3) Unexplained fractures, lacerations or abrasions.</li> <li>4) Swollen areas.</li> <li>5) Evidence of delayed or inappropriate treatment for injuries.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Self destructive.</li> <li>2) Withdrawn and/or aggressive – behavioral extremes.</li> <li>3) Arrives at school early or stays late as if afraid to be at home.</li> <li>4) Chronic runaway (adolescents).</li> <li>5) Complains of soreness or moves uncomfortably.</li> <li>6) Wears clothing inappropriate to weather to cover body.</li> <li>7) Bizarre explanation of injuries.</li> <li>8) Wary of adult contact.</li> </ol>
<b><u>Physical Neglect</u></b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Abandonment.</li> <li>2) Unattended medical needs.</li> <li>3) Consistent lack of supervision.</li> <li>4) Consistent hunger, inappropriate dress and/or poor hygiene.</li> <li>5) Lice, distended stomach, emaciated.</li> <li>6) Inadequate nutrition.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Regularly displays fatigue or listlessness; falls asleep in class.</li> <li>2) Steals food; begs from students.</li> <li>3) Reports that no caretaker is at home.</li> <li>4) Frequently absent or tardy.</li> <li>5) Self destructive.</li> <li>6) School dropout (adolescents).</li> <li>7) Extreme loneliness and need for affection.</li> </ol>
<b><u>Sexual Abuse</u></b>	<p>Sexual abuse may be non-touching; obscene language; pornography; exposure – or touching; fondling; molesting; oral sex; intercourse.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Torn, stained or bloody Underclothing.</li> <li>2) Pain, swelling or itching in genital area.</li> <li>3) Difficulty walking or sitting.</li> <li>4) Bruises or bleeding in genital area.</li> <li>5) Venereal disease.</li> <li>6) Frequent urinary or yeast infections.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Excessive seductiveness.</li> <li>2) Role reversal, overly concerned for siblings.</li> <li>3) Massive weight change.</li> <li>4) Suicide attempts (especially adolescents).</li> <li>5) Inappropriate sex play or premature understanding of sex.</li> <li>6) Threatened by physical contact, closeness.</li> </ol>
<b><u>Emotional Abuse</u></b>	<p>Emotional abuse may be name-calling, Insults, put-downs, etc., or it may be Terrorization, isolation, humiliation, Rejection, corruption, ignoring.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Speech disorders.</li> <li>2) Delayed physical development.</li> <li>3) Substance abuse.</li> <li>4) Ulcers, asthma, severe allergies.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Habit disorder (sucking, rocking, biting).</li> <li>2) Antisocial, destructive.</li> <li>3) Neurotic traits (sleep disorders, inhibition of play).</li> <li>3) Passive and aggressive – behavioral extremes.</li> <li>4) Delinquent behavior (especially adolescents).</li> <li>5) Developmentally delayed.</li> </ol>