

Indicators of Child Abuse / Neglect

Physical Indicators of Physical Abuse	Behavioral Indicators of Physical Abuse
<p>Unexplained bruises and welts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On face, lips, mouth • On torso, back, buttocks, thighs • In various stages of healing • Cluster, forming regular patterns • Reflecting shape of article used to inflict (electric cord, belt buckle) • On several different surface areas • Regularly appear after absence, weekend or vacation <p>Unexplained burns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cigar, cigarette burns, especially on soles, palms, back or buttocks • Immersion burns (sock-like, glove-like doughnut shaped on buttocks or genitalia) • Patterned like electric burner, iron, etc. • Rope burns on arms, legs, neck or torso <p>Unexplained fractures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To skull, nose, facial structure • In various stages of healing • Multiple or spiral fractures <p>Unexplained laceration or abrasions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To mouth, lips, gums, eyes • To external genitalia 	<p>Wary of adult contacts Apprehensive when other children cry Behavioral extremes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Aggressiveness ▪ Withdrawal <p>Frightened of parents Afraid to go home Reports injury by parents</p>
Physical Indicators of physical neglect	Behavioral Indicators of physical neglect
<p>Consistent hunger, poor hygiene, inappropriate dress Consistent lack of supervision, especially in dangerous activities or long periods Constant fatigue or listlessness Unattended physical problems or medical needs Abandonment</p>	<p>Begging, stealing food Extended stays at school (early arrival and late departure) Constantly falling asleep in class Alcohol or drug abuse Delinquency (e.g. thefts) States there is no caregiver</p>
Physical Indicators of sexual abuse	Behavioral Indicatorsof sexual abuse
<p>Difficulty in walking or sitting Torn, stained or bloody underclothing Pain or itching in genital area Bruises or bleeding in external genitalia, vaginal or anal areas Venereal disease, especially in pre-teens Pregnancy</p>	<p>Unwilling to change for gym or participate in PE Withdrawn, fantasy or infantile behavior Bizarre, sophisticated or unusual sexual behavior or knowledge Poor peer relationships Delinquent or run away Reports sexual assault by caregiver</p>
Physical Indicators of emotional maltreatment	Behavioral Indicators of emotional maltreatment
<p>Habit disorders (sucking, biting, rocking, etc.) Conduct disorders (antisocial, destructible, etc.) Neurotic traits (sleep disorders, speech disorders, inhibition of play)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behavior extremes: Compliant, passive Aggressive, demanding • Overly adoptive behavior: • Inappropriately adult • Inappropriately infant