

Recognizing Child Abuse and Neglect

Reporting

	Physical Indicators	Behavioral Indicators
Physical Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Unexplained bruises, welts, or burns in various stages of healing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ reflecting shape of article (electric cord, belt buckle, bite mark, cigarette burn) ⇒ regularly appear after absence or vacation ◆ Unexplained fractures, lacerations, or abrasions ◆ Injuries inconsistent with information from child 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Wary of physical contact by adults ◆ Behavioral extremes-aggressive or withdrawn ◆ Complains of soreness or discomfort ◆ Wears clothing inappropriate to weather ◆ Reports injury by parents to others ◆ Arrives early to school or events, and stays late, as if afraid to go home
Neglect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Consistent hunger, inappropriate dress, poor hygiene ◆ Consistent lack of supervision, especially for long periods ◆ Abandonment ◆ Unattended physical problems or medical needs ◆ Improperly restrained children in motor vehicles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Begs for, or steals food ◆ Constant fatigue or listlessness, falls asleep at school or events ◆ Substance abuse ◆ Delinquency, self-destructive ◆ Frequently absent or tardy ◆ Reports no caretaker at home
Sexual Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Torn, stained, or bloody underclothes ◆ Difficulty walking or sitting ◆ Bruises or bleeding in external genitals ◆ Pain, itching, redness, rashes or swelling in genital area, urinary tract infections ◆ Venereal disease ◆ Pregnancy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Withdrawn, chronic depression, poor self-esteem ◆ Threatened by physical closeness or contact ◆ Sexual behavior, language or knowledge of sex that are not age-appropriate ◆ Reports sexual abuse by caretaker ◆ Poor peer relationships ◆ Suicide attempts
Emotional Maltreatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Speech disorders ◆ Delayed physical development ◆ Substance abuse ◆ Ulcers, asthma, severe allergies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Habit disorders (sucking, rocking) ◆ Antisocial, destructive ◆ Neurotic traits (sleep disorders, inhibition of play) ◆ Overly adaptive behavior ◆ Developmentally delayed ◆ Suicide attempts

Mandated Reporters are required by law to make a telephone report of suspected child abuse or neglect **immediately** or as soon as possible to Child Protective Services or a law enforcement agency.

Child Protective Services

223-6550

223-1075 after hours

Amador County Sheriff's Dept.

223-6500

Ione Police Dept.

274-2456

Jackson Police Dept.

223-1771

Sutter Creek Police Dept.

267-5646

Local & National Resources:

24 Hour Amador Crisis Line
223-2600

Family Resource Services
(parenting classes and other services)
223-1485

Operation Care
(domestic violence/sexual assault)
223-2897

Childhelp USA National Child Abuse Hotline
1-800-422-4453

California Youth Crisis Line
(24-hour) 800-843-5200

Amador County Child Abuse Prevention Council
223-5921
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