

# Recognizing Child Abuse and Neglect

# Reporting

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• Behavioral extremes - aggressive or withdrawn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

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

### Operation Care

(domestic violence/sexual assault)

223-2897 / 1-800-675-3392

### Childhelp USA National Child Abuse Hotline

1-800-422-4453

### California Youth Crisis Line

1-800-843-5200 (24 hour)

**Amador Child Abuse Prevention Council**

(209) 223-5921

[www.amadorcapc.org](http://www.amadorcapc.org)

