

Child Abuse and Neglect

Be aware of the indicators of child abuse and neglect:

- Report *every* suspicion
- Ask the student to tell you about any injuries (how, who, when & where)
- Do not investigate your suspicions any further
- Do not remove child's clothing to observe the injury
- Send the child to the nurse for any medical needs or when physical injury is obvious
- Report suspicions to Child Protective Services (CPS) within 24 hours. You may do so anonymously. You may ask for assistance from the school, but **YOU** are legally obligated to make the initial report yourself
- Ask for a case number. This may be used later to get follow-up information

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- Have the following information ready for CPS intake at **1-800-252-5400**
 - Name, Age, Sex, and Race of Child**
 - Mother's Name**
 - Address and telephone number**
 - Ages of siblings at home**
 - Description of your suspicions and child's story**
- Do not contact the parents. This may impede the legal investigation
- Contact the police if you suspect sexual abuse by a perpetrator *outside* the home or you believe that the child is in immediate danger.
- Contact CPS if you suspect sexual abuse *inside* the home