



Everyone Can Do Something

To Prevent Child Abuse

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ARE YOU A MANDATED REPORTER?

QUESTIONS?

<http://www.state.il.us/DCFS/docs/MANDATED2002>

SAFE

- ✦ Secure from harm, danger, evil
- ✦ Free from risk; giving protection
 - ✦ Free from injury or danger





ABUSE

- ✚ **PHYSICAL**-injury, torture, excessive corporal punishment, illegal substances
- ✚ **EMOTIONAL**-verbal attacks, lack of attention, supervision
- ✚ **PSYCHOLOGICAL**-restricting access to needs, to opportunities for growth
- ✚ **SEXUAL**-exploitation, molestation, sexual penetration, harassment



NEGLECT

- ✖ Nourishment
- ✖ Medical Attention
- ✖ Shelter
- ✖ No Care Plan
- ✖ Controlled substance in newborn



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📞 Report suspicions IMMEDIATELY

📞 1-800-252-2873

📞 1-800-25-ABUSE



Recognizing Abuse

- 🚫 Burns, bruises, black eyes
- 🚫 Fear of caregiver
- 🚫 Overly mature or immature
- 🚫 Extreme behavior changes
- 🚫 Attempted suicide
- 🚫 Lack of attachment
- 🚫 Difficulty walking, sitting
- 🚫 Lacking medical, dental care



Responding

☛ Be aware

☛ Recognize

☛ Report suspected
abuse when called for



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ✦ Name, address, age of child
- ✦ Name, address, relationship of suspected perpetrator
- ✦ Nature of suspected abuse
- ✦ Child's report



Prevention is...

- ✚ Parent education programs
- ✚ Substance abuse treatment programs
- ✚ Respite care for families
- ✚ Family resource centers offering information and referral services
- ✚ Mental health services
- ✚ Parent mentor programs
- ✚ Family support services
- ✚ Home visitation programs



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