

TYPES OF ABUSE AND IDENTIFICATION

The types of abuse include physical abuse, neglect, sexual abuse, and emotional abuse.

1. Sexual Abuse is any sexual act between an adult and a Minor or between two Minors when one exerts power over the other.

Warning signs differ by the age of the Minor. You should be aware of the following possible warning signs:

- * Sexual behavior or language that is not appropriate for the child's age.
- * Overly compliant behavior.
- * Withdrawal or depression.
- * Unexplained anger.
- * Refusal to be left alone.
- * Finding reasons not to go home.
- * Finding reasons to avoid being with a specific person that the Minor used to spend time with.
- * Self-mutilation.
- * Failing grades or a change in school behavior.
- * Bed-wetting or bowel-movement accidents in children who have previously outgrown them.

2. Physical Abuse exists when a Minor is suffering from, has sustained, or may be in immediate danger of suffering from or sustaining a wound, injury, disability, or physical or mental condition caused by brutality, neglect, other actions or inactions.

Physical Abuse may be detected by signs such as:

- * Injuries such as burns, marks, and scalds.
- * Bruising which is repeated and on parts of the body where accidental injury would be unlikely to occur.
- * Untreated Injuries