



CHILD ABUSE FACTS:

- Parental stress is a risk factor for child abuse
- Children who are isolated are at increased risk for sexual abuse
- Children under age 3 and with developmental delays are more at risk to be abused
- Sexual predators look for children who are not being supervised while online
- After reports are made and with the right interventions, most children can remain safely in their homes .

YOUR REPORT MAY SAVE A LIFE

In 2020, 1750 children nationwide died due to child maltreatment.

LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONDING TO CHILD ABUSE

Law Enforcement is **ESSENTIAL** in keeping kids safe! Professionals make 60% of child abuse reports. Law Enforcement Officers keep kids safe by

KNOWING THE SIGNS



EMOTIONAL ABUSE

- Won't make eye contact with others
- Caregiver constantly blames, belittles or berates the child and refuses to help the child when needed
- Caregiver curses at or calls the child names
- Child is fearful of the caregiver
- Locked in room or closets/small spaces or cages
- Not allowed to go outside or be around others/social isolation

SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

- Child attaches quickly to strangers or new adults
- Displays unusual sexual knowledge or behavior for age
- May be in the company of, "dating" or "engaged" to older men
- Excessive condoms, lubricant or sexually explicit clothing in the vehicle/suitcase
- May be in possession of multiple hotel keys, prepaid credit cards
- Difficulty walking or sitting
- Sexual transmitted infections
- Pregnancy
- Fearful of and does not want to be alone with certain people or give details
- Unsupervised time online
- Does not want anyone to know who they are talking to online
- Sexually explicit messages, photos and videos on their devices

NEGLECT

- Child begs or steals food, has poor hygiene or states that no one at home provides care
- Child using alcohol or other drugs in caretakers presence
- Adults in home abusing alcohol or other drugs
- Unlocked weapons or guns in the home
- Bedrooms with bolt or padlocks on the outside
- Beds or furniture with ties, chains restraints on them
- Small children unsupervised

PHYSICAL ABUSE

- Fearful of the caregiver or driver
- Unexplained injuries, including: burns, bites, broken bones, bruising, black eyes or complaints of pain
- Injuries are on the head, face, abdomen, buttocks and back
- Caregiver offers inconsistent stories for injuries
- Caregiver will not give anyone access to the child
- Pimp sticks or other weapons in the vehicle

Other Signs

- Inconsistent stories about where they are going and/or their relationship
- Sexually explicit or pimp names/initial/brand tattoos on caregiver or child
- Presence of child erotica in the home or vehicle
- Child is a runaway
- Presence of new clothing and hair dye