Children's Advocacy Centers of Mississippi
We Protect Children

CHILD ABUSE FACTS:

- Parental stress is a risk factor for child abuse
- Children who are isolated are at increased risk for sexual abuse
- Children 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

19% of child abuse reports are made by teachers

TEACHERS
RESPONDING TO CHILD ABUSE

Teachers are vital in keeping kids safe! When children are not at school, child abuse reports dramatically decrease. School is where abused children may feel the safest. Teachers keep kids safe by

KNOWING THE SIGNS

EMOTIONAL ABUSE
- Extreme behavior changes - overly aggressive or compliant
- Emotionally unattached to caregiver and others
- Caregiver constantly blames, belittles or berates the child and refuses to help the child when needed
- Fearful of going home
- Won't make eye contact with others

SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION
- Child attaches quickly to strangers or new adults
- Displays unusual sexual knowledge or behavior for age
- Difficulty walking or sitting
- Sexual transmitted infections
- Pregnancy
- Fearful of and does not want to be alone with certain people
- Unsupervised time online
- Does not want anyone to know who they are talking to online
- Sexually explicit photos and videos on their devices

NEGLECT
- Child begs or steals food, has poor hygiene or states that no one at home provides care
- Witnessing a child using alcohol or other drugs
- Highly stressful family situations and/or adults in home abusing alcohol or other drugs
- Unlocked weapons or guns in the home

PHYSICAL ABUSE
- Fearful of the caregiver
- 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