

Signs of physical abuse



Physical abuse – any injury to a child that is not accidental (broken bones, bruises, cuts, burns and other injuries) or any action which could seriously harm the child

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Child's appearance

- * Unusual bruises, welts, burns or fractures
- * Bite marks
- * Frequent injuries always explained as accidental
- * If an explanation does not match the injury
- * Wears long sleeves or other concealing clothing to hide injuries

Child's behaviour

- * Unpleasant, hard to get along with
- * Unusually shy, avoids other people
- * May be too anxious to please
- * Appears to be afraid of parents
- * Shows little or no distress at being separated from parents

If you suspect Child Abuse, please follow your schools procedures for reporting abuse if none are in place please call your relevant Child Protection Services and get advice. They will listen to your concerns and take action on your behalf if a child is in danger.

Let's keep children safe !!

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