

# Recognizing Child Abuse

Uncover their secret.



## Neglect

- Begs or steals food or money
- Is consistently dirty
- Is not properly clothed for the weather
- Lacks needed medical care

## Sexual Abuse

- Shows physical signs (difficulty in walking or sitting; stained underwear; genital or rectal pain, redness or swelling; bruises in the genital or rectal areas)
- Reports nightmares or bed wetting
- Runs away
- Shows extremes in behavior
- Is either inappropriately adult or infantile
- Shows lack of attachment to parents
- Withdraws from activities and others
- Describes or acts out sexual behavior beyond normal for age

## Emotional and Physical Abuse

- Is aggressive or withdrawn
- Shies away from parents or adults
- Fears going home or is frequently home alone
- Has unexplained or repeated injuries
- Shows injuries in the shape of objects (belt buckle, cord)
- Gives unreasonable reasons for injuries
- Is frequently absent from school
- Abuses alcohol or drugs
- Attempts suicide
- Withdraws from activities
- Displays excessive crying or sadness

## Suspect Abuse?

**Call:  
800.932.0313**

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