

THE SIGNS AREN'T ALWAYS THIS OBVIOUS
DON'T MISS THE SIGNS
REPORT CHILD ABUSE



Reporting child abuse is everyone's responsibility

Every year in Florida, tens of thousands of children are subjected to child abuse, which can take the form of physical or sexual abuse, neglect, abandonment or mental injury. Many more continue to suffer because the abuse is never reported. Under Florida law, anyone who suspects a child may be abused or neglected has a responsibility to report it.

Reporting Abuse

Reporting is simple and confidential. Even if you do not have all of the information about the child's case, you can still report the abuse. Your information could be critical to saving a child's life.

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Signs that a child may be a victim of abuse:

- ✦ Frequent bruises or broken bones
- ✦ Frequent school absences
- ✦ Sudden emotional withdrawal
- ✦ Sudden aggressive behavior
- ✦ Nightmares
- ✦ Acting out in school
- ✦ Displays of irrational fear of certain places, situations or people
- ✦ Regression to an earlier stage of development such as bed-wetting or thumb-sucking
- ✦ Social isolation
- ✦ Inadequate personal hygiene

How to report abuse:

Telephone 1.800.962.2873

Fax 1.800.914.0004

TDD 1.800.453.5145

Web FloridaAbuseHotline.com



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