

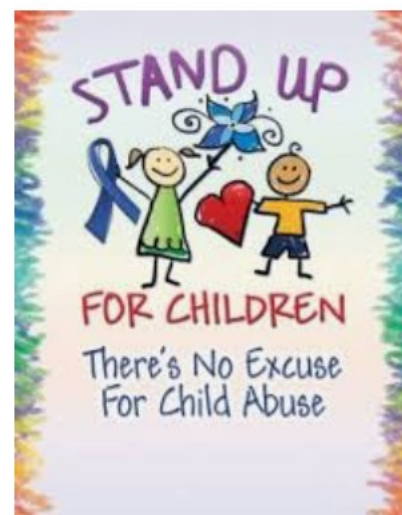
Child Abuse Prevention Awareness

Ways to prevent child abuse

- Be nurturing towards your child.
- Create a support network—friends, relatives or neighbors.
- Understand why your baby/child cries.
- Be aware of resources available to assist your family with needs.
- Supervise your child's video and television viewing. Violent images can harm young children.
- Report possible child abuse or neglect.

Visible Signs of Child Abuse

- Unexplained/frequent bone fractures and Black eyes
- Bruises— in unusual areas of the body. Bruises shaped like objects, such as a hand or belt buckle.
- Human bite marks
- Burns/cigarette burns— on the arms, legs, or around genitalia
- Markings around the wrists or ankles, which may show signs of being tied up.



Behavior signs of Child Abuse

- **Depression—Withdrawal from friends and social activities**
- **Inconsistent explanations of injuries**
- **Unusual shyness**
- **Avoidance of eye contact with adults or older kids**
- **Excessive fear of caretakers – this could be fear of the parent(s) or of a nanny or babysitter.**
- **Child seems overly watchful, on edge, as if anticipating something bad is going to happen.**
- **Expresses a reluctance to go home.**

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