

Recognizing CHILD ABUSE

The following signs may signal the presence of child abuse or neglect:

sudden changes in behavior or school performance

always watchful, as though preparing for something bad to happen

lacks adult supervision

overly compliant, passive, or withdrawn

comes to school or other activities early, stays late, and does not want to go home

unexplained burns, bites, bruises, broken bones, or black eyes

begs or steals food or money

frequently absent from school

lacks needed medical or dental care, immunizations, or glasses

demonstrates bizarre, sophisticated, or unusual sexual knowledge or behavior

Call 877.244.0846 or local law enforcement to report suspected child abuse and neglect



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