

NEGLECT

Neglect is the failure, intentional or unintentional, of a parent or guardian to provide food, shelter, clothing, health care and education for a child.

Signs of neglect

Unkempt appearance, lack of medical or dental care, appears hungry and unwell. Does not attend school.

Behaviour

Begs for food, steals, shows lack of interest, appears tired and listless.

IF YOU ARE BEING ABUSED,
CALL

THE CRISIS CENTRE

P.O. Box EE 17910

Nassau, Bahamas

24-HOUR HOTLINE:

328-0922

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328-7824

E-mail:

crisiscentre@batelnet.bs

Website:

www.bahamascrisiscentre.org

Child Abuse Hotline:

322-2763

ABUSE HURTS

CHILD ABUSE not only
SHATTERS a child.....



It **SHATTERS** a
WHOLE LIFE

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Knowles House
PrincessMargaret Hospital

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SEXUAL ABUSE

Sexual abuse is the involvement of a child in any sexual practices with an adult or older child. Includes fondling of private parts, making suggestions of a sexual nature, penetration (anal, oral or vaginal). Includes exposure to indecent pictures, film, literature or behaviour.

Signs of sexual abuse

Precocious sexual behaviour, unexplained bleeding or discharge from genital or anal areas, stress related disorders, infections on mouth or throat, sexually transmitted diseases, loss of appetite, unexplained vomiting or gagging, nightmares.

Behaviour

Withdrawal, depression, sometimes suicidal, self-destructive, obsession with private parts, fearful.

PHYSICAL ABUSE

Physical abuse is the intentional physical injury or pattern of injuries caused by a parent, guardian or caregiver.

Signs of physical abuse

Unexplained bruises, or burns, fractures to limbs, head injuries or cuts.

Behaviour

Afraid and timid, scared to go home, resists physical contact, violent towards others.



EMOTIONAL ABUSE

Emotional abuse is the repeated rejection and humiliation of a child, constant negative communication, withholding love and affection and the ultimate destruction of the child's self-esteem.

Signs of emotional abuse

Physical problems resulting from stress, poor performance at school, low self-esteem.

Behaviour

Depressed, excessively passive or aggressive, sleep problems, slow development.