

Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Training



Definitions

Abuse

to intentionally treat (a person) in a harsh or harmful way (physically, emotionally or sexually) or in a way that causes damage

Neglect

the failure to provide or willfully withhold a necessity of life from a dependent individual

Exploitation

the action or fact of treating someone unfairly in order to benefit or profit from the resources of the other

Examples of Abuse

Physical Abuse

- Punching, pinching, hitting, biting
- Burning, cutting, slicing
- Inappropriate physical restraint

Emotional Abuse

- Name calling
- Ridicule and insults
- Coercion and manipulation
- Threats

Sexual Abuse

- Forced inappropriate touching
- Sexual assault
- Rape
- Forced nudity

Indications of Abuse

Physical Abuse

- Unexplained bruises, cuts or welts in various stages of healing
- Unexplained fractures in various stages of healing
- Unexplained burns: cigarette or cigar burns, patterned object burns

Emotional Abuse

- Fear, anxiety, agitation, anger
- Withdrawal
- Depression
- Feeling of hopelessness or helplessness

Sexual Abuse

- Difficulty walking or sitting
- Bruises or bleeding to external genitalia
- Venereal disease
- Pregnancy

Neglect and Exploitation

Indications of Neglect

- Uncared for injury
- Dehydration
- Malnutrition
- Isolation and resignation
- Matted, tangled or dirty hair
- Same clothing everyday
- Soiled clothing or bed
- Fleas or lice

Indications of Exploitation

- Unpaid bills despite means to pay
- Sudden changes in banking practices
- Missing funds or valuables
- Unexplained withdrawals of money by person accompanying victim

Reporting an Incident of Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation

It's important to report any issues that involve abuse, neglect or exploitation of any kind. If there is a potential that someone is at risk, the issue should also be reported.

State websites have contact details and these should be downloaded and displayed in a prominent place for staff's immediate access.

