

SUSPICION OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT FORM

Reporting abuse can precipitate severe consequences to an individual and family, so it should never be done casually or thoughtlessly, and certainly not for malicious purposes. At the same time, failing to report abuse can have severe consequences to a child at risk. Therefore, if you have reasonable cause to suspect abuse by anyone toward a minor, you should document and report incidents

I have observed conduct that I feel would fall under the definition of abuse or neglect as defined in the JCPC Child and Youth Protection policy:

A report is called for if a child:

- Verbally complains about or mentions in passing, specific acts of neglect or abuse (physical, sexual or verbal) or exposure to sexual activity, pornography or abuse of others
- Verbally complains about, or mentions in passing, vague references to having to do bad things or having bad things/secret things done to him or her
- Alludes to abuse or neglect in writing, in prayer requests, or in drawings
- Has injury (e.g. a patch of missing hair, a burn, or a bruise) that can't be adequately explained or which the child attempts to hide or deny
- Has an inordinate number of explained or unexplained injuries
- Has an age inappropriate interest in or knowledge of sexual matters or acting out sexual behavior
- Is frequently dirty or smelly or inadequately dressed, has bad teeth or hair falling out, is undernourished, does not receive appropriate medical care for injuries
- Reports or evidences difficulty urinating or discomfort sitting
- Reports or evidences an atypical fear or discomfort of being with particular people

I understand that this material is to be treated as highly confidential and that I am not to discuss it with anyone else other than the minister or staff to whom I make this report.

Name _____

Date this report was made _____

REPORT OF THE INCIDENT:

Date of incident _____

Time incident occurred _____

Suspected Abuser's Name _____

Minor's Name (victim) _____

Describe nature of the incident:

Personal observations of indications of suspected abuse that are not readily explained:
(circle any or all that apply)

Physical Abuse

Sexual Abuse

Unexplained or explained bruises	child reports abuse by others
welts	has difficulty walking or sitting
lacerations	torn, stained or bloody
burns	underclothing
fractures	complaints of pain or itching in
abdominal injuries	genital area
human bites	bruises or bleeding in external
child unusually wary of physical contact	genitalia, vaginal or anal area
with adults	unusual and excessive behavior
unusual interest in or knowledge of	inappropriate for a child of
sexual matters	that age
demonstrates extremes in behavior	seems frightened of parents or
seems frightened of parents or caretaker	caretaker

Provide a complete description for the personal observations of indications of suspected abuse you have checked above:

I have reviewed the above report. It is true and correct, based on my personal observations.

Signature of Person Making Report

Date

Received by:

(Member of Executive Team)

Date