

## Warning Signs of Child Abuse

### PHYSICAL SIGNS

- Bruises, welts or broken bones
- Cuts or scrapes
- Burns
- Missing hair
- Injuries or redness around the genitals
- Injuries at different stages of healing
- Injury or medical condition that hasn't been properly treated.

### CHILD'S BEHAVIOR

- Aggressive or withdrawn behavior
- Unusual fears (of certain people, of going home, etc.)
- Craving for attention
- Fatigue
- Lack of concentration
- Hunger, begging for food, stealing
- Frequent tardiness or absence from school
- Unusual knowledge of sex

### ADULT'S BEHAVIOR

- Harshly punish the child in public
- Refer to the child as "difficult", "Different", or "Bad"
- Seem unconcerned about the child
- Give conflicting stories about the child/injuries
- Become defensive when asked about the child's health

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Council Office  
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Cascade, ID 83611  
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106 Park Street #112  
McCall, ID 83638  
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**ROSE** Advocates  
Family Resource Center

CHILD ABUSE

Millions of cases  
of child abuse are  
reported each  
year... many  
more go  
unreported.



**24 Hour Crisis Line**  
**(208)414-0740**

## Statistics of Child Abuse

- A report of child abuse is made every **10** seconds.
- Almost **5** children die every day as a result of child abuse; Approximately **80%** are under the age of **4**.
- **59%** of child abuse that occurs is neglect.
- Child Abuse and Neglect has increased **134%** since **1980**.
- In **2005 899,000** children were victims of abuse:
  - 564,500** Suffered Neglect.
  - 149,000** Suffered Physical Abuse.
  - 83,500** Suffered Sexual Abuse.
  - 64,000** Suffered Psychological/Emotional Abuse.

## The Emotional effects of Abuse can Last a Lifetime

**LOW SELF-ESTEEM**- Children naturally think that adults are always correct. So, abused children may grow up believing they are bad and deserving of abuse.

**PROBLEMS WITH FEELINGS**- Emotional damage from abuse can stunt a child's emotional growth. Later in life, the child may be unable to show his/her feelings- or to understand others' feelings.

**PROBLEMS WITH RELATIONSHIPS**- Poor emotional development and lack of trust can make meaningful relationship difficult as an adult.

*Many adult abusers were abused as children. Victims of child abuse should seek help- no matter how long ago the abuse occurred.*

## Why Should I Learn About Child Abuse?

- **Children Suffer**- The physical and emotional harm can last a lifetime.
- **Society Suffers, Too**- The cost in ruined lives and broken families can't be measured.
- **But, There's A Lot You Can Do**- You can help prevent child abuse and limit the damage suffered by children and their families.

## About Reporting Child Abuse

*Many people fear that reporting or admitting abuse will destroy a family.*  
**THE TRUTH IS, GETTING HELP CAN:**

- *Protect children from further harm.*
- *Help the Family face and overcome its problems.*

**IN SEVERE CASES:** Children may be removed from a home for their immediate safety.

**TAKE ACTION:** Child abuse must be reported and addressed! If you are abusing a child or know someone who is, it's your responsibility to act.