



# Child Abuse

## Potential Signs / Red Flags



### See Something. Say Something.

**Call 1-855-452-5437** if you suspect a Louisiana child is being abused (physically, emotionally, or sexually), neglected, or is a victim of human trafficking. **If a child is in immediate danger, call 911.**

#### PHYSICAL ABUSE

- Unexplained injuries like bruises, burns, or fractures
- Frequent visits to the doctor or hospital with vague or inconsistent explanations for injuries
- Attempts to hide injury
- Fear of going home or seeing certain people
- Shies away from touch; jumps at sudden movements

#### EMOTIONAL ABUSE

- Severe anxiety, depression, or withdrawal
- Extreme behavior (hyper-aggression or antisocial passivity)
- Poor school performance
- Low self-esteem and constant feelings of worthlessness
- Suicidal thoughts or behaviors

#### SEXUAL ABUSE

- Inappropriate sexual behavior or knowledge for their age
- Difficulty walking or sitting, frequent pain in the genital area
- Fear of certain people or places
- Unexplained financial gifts or items
- Sudden changes in behavior (such as nightmares or bed-wetting)

#### NEGLECT

- Poor hygiene or a lack of appropriate clothing
- Frequent hunger or malnutrition
- Unsupervised or left alone at inappropriate times
- Abandonment or lack of appropriate medical care
- Chronic tardiness and/or absenteeism from school



For more information on recognizing and reporting child abuse, along with training opportunities, including educational materials, visit [standforhope.org](https://standforhope.org).