

Recognizing Child Abuse

Be aware of abuse,
and take action when you
suspect it or see it.

Things to know:

- Many people think child abuse is limited to physical harm. In reality, child abuse includes: physical abuse; physical neglect; sexual abuse; and emotional/mental maltreatment.
- Most child abuse and neglect is not a one time event but usually occurs in a pattern over time.
- Many children are subject to more than one form of abuse.
- If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected call the **New York State Public Hotline: 800-342-3720**

**IF THE CHILD IS IN IMMEDIATE
DANGER, CALL 911.**

It shouldn't hurt to be a child.



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