

Reporting Guidelines

Be prepared to give the following information:

- Name, date of birth or age for all adults and/or children involved
- A description of the abuse, including whether there are current injuries
- Alleged perpetrator's name, location and access to the child
- Whether the child has Native American or Alaska Native heritage
- Telephone numbers, including area code
- Any cultural or language considerations, race and ethnicity
- Addresses, directions or other means to locate the individuals of concern
- Additional information related to family functioning, resources and supports
- Detailed observations and statements made by the child/elder or others
- If applicable, a description of the child/elder's disability or any special needs.

Examples of Abuse:

- Neglect
- Failure to provide basic care – food, clothing or shelter
- Physical abuse – physical harm or injury
- Unexplained or suspicious injuries
- Sexual abuse
- Unwanted sexual contact
- Mental injury
- Threat of harm
- Fear or changed behavior in child
- Atypical interest in sex, knowledge of sexual behavior or acting out sexually
- Rejecting or terrorizing the child
- Inadequate supervision
- Substance abuse and misuse that affects the child
- Financial exploitation
- Verbal or emotional abuse
- Involuntary seclusion
- Wrongful restraint
- Abandonment by caregiver
- Self-neglect (when individuals lack the cognitive ability to care for themselves, which can lead to harm)