

<b>Signs of Potential Child Abuse or Neglect</b>	
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• unsanitary conditions</li> <li>• unsafe conditions</li> <li>• lack of heat during cold weather</li> <li>• child has inappropriate clothing for weather</li> <li>• parent ignores child or appears incapable of caring for child (e.g., intoxicated)</li> </ul>
First impression of child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• thin to point of starvation</li> <li>• stares blankly, does not interact with parent or EMT</li> <li>• appears fearful of parents</li> </ul>
Initial assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• child has signs of illness or injuries serious enough to affect ABCs or mental status that have not been cared for</li> </ul>
Focused history	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• inadequate or conflicting explanation for injury</li> <li>• no explanation for injury</li> <li>• explanation for injury does not match physical findings</li> <li>• explanation for injury exceeds child's capabilities</li> <li>• an accusation of abuse made by the child or adult</li> <li>• unexplained delay seeking treatment for injury</li> <li>• history of previous injuries without reasonable explanation</li> <li>• parents unconcerned about major injury</li> <li>• parents overly concerned or defensive about minor injury</li> <li>• unpredictable schedules, frequent parental absences, or inappropriate supervision</li> <li>• lack of routine "well-child" care</li> <li>• vulnerable child: premature baby, child with developmental delay, child with special health care needs, or child of an estranged parent</li> </ul>
Detailed physical exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• multiple ecchymoses of different colors</li> <li>• old scars</li> <li>• deformed extremities suggesting poorly healed fractures</li> <li>• "cauliflower" ear</li> <li>• broken teeth</li> <li>• bruising or trauma to the face, including slap marks</li> <li>• head trauma</li> <li>• burns or ecchymoses in unusual locations, such as inner thigh, buttocks, or genitals</li> <li>• scald burns, especially to the hands, feet, or buttocks</li> <li>• pattern burns that appear to be caused by a manufactured object</li> <li>• multiple second- or third-degree burns to the hands, fingers, or genitals</li> <li>• rope burns around the neck, wrists, or ankles</li> <li>• whip marks</li> <li>• pinch marks or human bite marks</li> </ul>