

SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE / NEGLECT

HPI	Signs & Symptoms	Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time of injury • Mechanism • LOC • Bleeding • PMH • Timeline of incidents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dehydration • Fractures • Recurring injuries • Varying age of healing • Decubitus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emotional trauma • Behavioral emergency • Traumatic injury

	EMR	EMT	PM
1. Provide Pediatric Routine Medical Care - treat life threatening problems with airway, breathing circulation and disability.	•	•	•
2. Note environment, child's interaction with parents, discrepancies in the history obtained from child and caregivers, and any signs of obvious injury	•	•	•
3. Treat obvious injuries	•	•	•
4. If parent/guardian refuses to let you transport the child, remain at the scene, contact police and request the child be placed in protective custody	•	•	•
5. Transport	•	•	•
6. EMS are mandated reporters: report your suspicions to the Emergency Department Physician and/or Nurse	•	•	•
7. Carefully document history and physical exam findings as well as environmental/circumstantial data on the EHR	•	•	•
8. Department of Children and Family Services must be notified at (800)-25-ABUSE (24-hour phone line) When contacting DCFS, identify self as a State Mandated Reporter to expedite the process Written confirmation of the verbal report must be filed with DCFS within 48 hours	•	•	•

NOTE:

1. Reporting information may be found: <https://www2.illinois.gov/dcfs/safekids/reporting/Pages/index.aspx>