

More than 550,000 children were confirmed to be abused or neglected in the United States in 2022.

Many children had experiences that are unknown and unreported.

100% of child abuse is preventable

Learn in this newsletter how to identify abuse and teach healthy boundaries to children.



TEN-4-FACESp Bruising Rule

TEN-4-FACESp is an acronym used to help screen children under 4 years old for possible abuse. This bruising rule helps identify when a bruise is more likely to be caused by abuse than an accidental injury.

Torso

Ears

Neck

Any bruising on an infant

4 months or younger

Frenulum

Angle of jaw

Cheeks

Eyelids

Subconjunctivae

Patterned bruising





Childhood sexual abuse

90% of children are abused by someone they know or trust



1 in 4 girls will be sexually abused



1 in 20 boys will be sexually abused

Childhood sexual abuse violates a child's boundary that can affect how they will develop, think, and behave throughout their lifetime. Children often do not ask for help or show signs of being harmed.

Grooming is a process in which an abuser gains contact with a victim while avoiding suspicion from others. Developing trust with both the child and their caregivers is essential, over time leading to the opportunity to sexually abuse their victim.

Examples of sexual abuse include touching or fondling, rape, exposure to sexual material, and indecent exposure.

If you ever suspect a child is being abused or neglected, contact a 24/7 child abuse hotline:

- Kentucky: (877) 597-2331 or (800) 752-6200
- Indiana: (800) 800-5556
- If it's an emergency, call 911



Childhood neglect

Neglect is the most common form of childhood maltreatment. A child is neglected when their needs are not provided for with the potential for harm.

Examples of neglect include lack of supervision, lack of emotional support, and lack of food or shelter.

Signs of neglect might include consistently having poor bodily hygiene, often showing up to places such as school or church hungry, or appearing to need medical or dental care. Their caregiver may act indifferent to their child, apathetic to their needs, or abusing alcohol or other drugs.



Children living in poverty and with low socioeconomic status experience

5x more abuse and neglect

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Before leaving your child with a new caregiver...

Has this person ever been known to become physically violent or aggressive with you or anyone else?

Does this person have a history of getting easily frustrated with anyone, including other adults, children, or pets?

Do they misunderstand, become frustrated, or angry with normal childhood behaviors such as crying, toilet training accidents, or messy environments?

Does this person think it is okay to shake, hit, throw, or otherwise harm a child? Have you seen this person handle your child or any other child roughly?

Have you noticed patterned bruises such as handprints, loop marks, or "U" shaped bruises on your child after being in the care of this person? If your infant is 4 months of age or younger, have you noticed ANY bruising/injury, anywhere, after being in the care of this person?

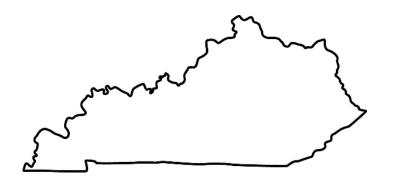
Does this person become upset or jealous of the time and attention you give your child?

If your child is 4 years of age or younger, have you noticed bruising/injury to your child's torso, ears, neck, angle of the jaw, cheeks, eyelids; bleeding on the white portions of the eye; or injuries inside your child's mouth after being in the care of this person?

If you answered "yes," to any one of these questions, please reconsider leaving your child with this person.



All adults are mandated to report any suspected form of child abuse in the states of Kentucky and Indiana.



How to make a report in Kentucky

- √ (877)597-2331
- √ (800)752-6200
- ✓ Call 911 if an emergency
- ✓ Non-emergent reports and more information can be found through www.chfs.ky.gov

How to make a report in Indiana

- √ 1-800-800-5556
- ✓ More information can be found through www.in.gov/dcs





Creating healthy boundaries

We all want our children to learn how to get along with others and have healthy relationships. It is important for children to learn how to respect other's boundaries and let other people know their own personal boundaries. Consent is a big word that means "asking for permission." Teach your child to ask for permission before touching other children and adults. Teach them to listen to the response of other children and adults about hugs, high fives and other kinds of touch.

Kids should feel comfortable saying no when they don't want to be touched. Teaching your child phrases ahead of time may help them communicate their personal boundaries to others. Teach your child to tell you right away if something feels wrong. If you aren't available, they should know to tell another trusted adult.

Teach your child phrases such as:

- Please stop
- You are in my bubble
- I don't like that
- I'm feeling uncomfortable
- I need more space





What You'll Learn:



Safety Skills



Business Skills



Childcare Skills



First Aid Skills*

*while CPR may be discussed or practiced in Safe Sitter Essentials classes, only Heartsaver CPR classes will include a CPR certification



Upcoming Classes



Safe Sitter Essentials



Safe Sitter with Heartsaver CPR

- March 31
- June 19
- July 17

- June 9 + 10
- July 7 + 8

REGISTER NOW



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Norton Children's Prevention and Wellness wants to hear from you!

Your input is vital in shaping the future of our community's learning. By completing this survey, you'll help us identify the most important topics in pediatric injury prevention and wellness. Together, we can create tailored programs that empower families to keep children safe and healthy.

TO ACCESS THE SURVEY, SCAN THE QR CODE OR CLICK THE LINK BELOW!

PROGRAM INPUT SURVEY







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Join us for a prescription take back event

Saturday, April 19, 2025

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bring your expired and unneeded medications to one of these locations

(event will be held in the parking lot):



Norton Community Medical Associates – Audubon 3101 Poplar Level Road Louisville, KY 40213



Norton Medical Plaza II – Brownsboro 9880 Angies Way Louisville, KY 40241

Members of law enforcement will be on hand to collect and safely dispose of items brought to the event. Items do not need to be in their original packaging.

Participants will get a free medication lock bag while supplies last.

For more information, call (502) 629-7358 or email NCPW@nortonhealthcare.org.

The following items will be accepted for disposal:

- Prescription medicine, patches, ointments, lotions and liquids
- Vitamins
- Pet medication
- Over-the-counter medication
- Inhalers
- EpiPens
- Needles (must be capped)





Norton Children's offers free car seat checks by certified technicians

Schedule your free car seat check:

- ✓ Scan the QR code on this flier
- ✓ Call 502-629-7358
- ✓ Email us at:

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Upcoming community classes

Safe Baby- Virtual

- ✓ April 10th
- ✓ May 8th
- ✓ June 12th

Safe Sitter with CPR training

- ✓ June 9th at Norton Brownsboro Hospital
- ✓ June 19th at Norton Women's Health and Education Center
- ✓ July 7th at Norton Brownsboro Hospital

Safe Grandparents- Virtual

- ✓ April 22nd
- ✓ June 24th

Safe Kids, Safe Storage-Virtual

✓ June 23rd



Scan the QR code to sign up or visit: www.nortonchildrens.com/prevention-wellness/classes-events/

