

**Help
Keep
Indiana
Kids
Safe.**

**Kids Need Essential Workers
to Report Abuse During
COVID-19 Crisis**



**Prevent Child Abuse
Indiana™**
A Division of The Villages

Reporting child abuse & neglect is everyone's responsibility.

Learn More: www.PCAIN.org

If you suspect child abuse or neglect please report it immediately to
the Indiana Department of Child Services:

1-800-800-5556

When to Report

Your suspicion of child abuse and neglect is enough to make a report. You are not required to provide proof, but your report must be made in good faith. Failure to report or knowingly making a false report can lead to criminal and/or civil liability.

Reports can be Anonymous in Indiana

Warning Signs

Some of the behavioral signs listed below may be an indicator of something other than abuse or neglect; however, any indicator which gives one "reason to believe" that abuse or neglect is occurring should be reported.

- **A child has frequent or unexplained bruises or injuries, especially on the fleshy areas of the body (face, arms, the back of legs)**
- **Child appears nervous around adults and/or caregiver(s)**
- **Child has severe poor hygiene, begs for or steals food or states that no one at home provides care**
- **Hears a caregiver blame, berate, or belittle a child and/or refuses to help the child when needed**
- **Child acts out sexually or shows interests in sex that is inappropriate for that age or development**
- **Animal abuse and neglect is often a strong indicator of child abuse. Be concerned if witnessed and children are also in the home.**