



BEHAVIORAL INDICATORS OF CHILD ABUSE ACROSS LIFE STAGES

	<i>Infancy</i>	<i>Latency</i>	<i>Adolescence</i>	<i>Adulthood</i>
Physical Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Withdrawal/apathy • Fear/anxiety, subdued crying • Extreme or inappropriate reactions to pain • Aggressive behavior, head-banging 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech or learning difficulties • Bed-wetting • Negative attempts to get attention • Self-destructive or accident-prone behavior 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eating disorders • Drug/alcohol abuse • Inability to relate to peers • Running away • Prostitution • Aggressive behavior 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inability to form meaningful relationships • Prone to end up in violent situations • Extremely angry or fearful • Low self-esteem • Drug/alcohol abuse
Sexual Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excessive masturbation or insertion of objects into orifices • Difficulty sleeping, relaxing, and/or eating • Passive and withdrawn, or clingy and fussy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bed-wetting • Eating disorders • Avoidance of sports or games • Seeking out or avoiding adults • Mentioning a "secret" in the family • Sexual behavior with other children • Overly knowledgeable about specific sexual acts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obsessive behavior • Self-destructive behavior • Isolation, fearfulness or excessive anxiety • Promiscuity or prostitution • Running away 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sexual difficulties • Insecurity, impassivity, low self-esteem • Eating disorders • Drug/alcohol abuse
Emotional Maltreatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Withdrawal/apathy • Crying jags • Failure to thrive • Speech and language delay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fearfulness • Unprovoked yelling/screaming • Hyperactive or bizarre behavior • Overanxiety to please • Seeking out adult contact • Depression 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eating disorders • Drug/alcohol abuse • Impatience • Unwillingness to discuss problems • Rationalization of abuse • Suicide attempts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficulty maintaining relationships • Depression or excessive anxiety • Self-deprecation • Isolation • Aggression
Neglect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Withdrawal/apathy • Fearfulness • Lethargy • Rocking • Failure to thrive • Delayed speech and language development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learned helplessness • Fearfulness • Hoarding food or stealing • Clinging/needy • Pseudo-independent • Regressive behavior 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eating disorders • Drug/alcohol abuse • Aggression • Prostitution • Stealing • Absence from school • Caretaker for other children • Suicide attempts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficulty maintaining relationships • Depression or excessive anxiety • Lack of interest in self or others • Isolation