



Washtenaw Area Council for Children

Who is Washtenaw Area Council for Children?

We are the Michigan Children's Trust Fund's designated agency for the prevention of child abuse and neglect for Washtenaw County

What does Washtenaw Area Council for Children do?

Our mission is to promote child safety and well-being, and to prevent child maltreatment, abuse, and neglect throughout Washtenaw County.

STAY-at-HOME doesn't necessarily mean SAFE-at-HOME

Child abuse reports have plummeted since COVID-19. The majority of suspected child abuse reports are made by educators, but with kids out of school that means fewer reports. Children are now in homes 24/7 with abusive parents and caregivers, who due to the pandemic are stressed by unemployment and financial worries, and without usual supports. This could mean a large uptick in child abuse cases that are going unreported. But, maybe not unseen or unheard?

See Something? Hear Something? Say Something

We are asking all adults who may have contact with children during this time, to please report **suspected** child abuse.



Some  to watch for:

Any signs of distress or mistreatment

Pattern bruises or scars

Bruises on earlobes

Burns - Symmetric immersion/pattern contact

Bite marks

Persistent poor hygiene

Ongoing lack of supervision

Consistently inappropriate dress

Age-inappropriate knowledge of sexual behavior or sexually explicit behavior

Persistent state of hyper alert



Listen for screaming & shouting, or sounds of hitting that seem directed at a child, especially if the parent sounds out of control

CALL

**CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT
HOTLINE 1-855-444-3911**



You do not have to offer proof of child maltreatment, only the suspicion of it. *Calls are anonymous.*

If you fear a child is in imminent danger - Call 911

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE 1-800-799-7233

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