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What is Child Abuse?
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There are four kinds of child abuse and neglect.

Physical Abuse is purposely hurting a child.
For example:
- beating a child
- burning a child
- throwing a child
- shaking a baby or child

Neglect is not taking care of a child.
For example:
- leaving a young child alone
- not feeding a child
- not taking a sick child to the doctor

Emotional abuse is when a parent says things that make a child feel bad.
For example:
- calling a child names
- telling a child he is stupid or ugly
- telling a child she can't do anything right

Sexual Abuse is any sexual activity with a child.
For example:
- showing a child sexual pictures
- having sex with a child
- taking sexual pictures of a child

If you or someone you know is abusing a child and you want it to stop, call for help. 1-800-992-5757, this is Nevada's toll-free 24 hour Crisis Call line. If each of us does our part to help just one child, Nevada will be a safer place for all children.