

Physical Abuse

Can be

- hitting, smacking and slapping
- punching and kicking
- pinching, scratching and biting
- shaking or suffocating
- scalding or burning
- hair pulling
- spitting or throwing things
- poisoning, including giving unnecessary medicine

We should always be prepared to ask questions about any marks, injuries or unusual presentation that we see.

Consider physical abuse to be a possibility and respond rapidly to all concerns using your setting's processes.



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