

# Southern Illinois Regional EMS System

## HH-4 SUSPECTED CHILD MALTREATMENT (ABUSE/NEGLECT)

### ALS/ILS/BLS

1. Management:
  - 1.1 Initial patient care.
  - 1.2. Note environment, child's interaction with parents, discrepancies in the history obtained from child and caregivers, and any signs of obvious injury.
  - 1.3. Treat obvious injuries according to the appropriate SOP.
  - 1.4. If parent/guardian refuses treatment/transport of the child, remain at the scene:
    - 1.4.1. Contact medical control.
    - 1.4.2. Contact police and request the child be placed in protective custody.
  - 1.5. Transport.
  - 1.6. Report suspicions to the ED staff upon arrival.
  - 1.7. Prehospital personnel are required by law to report suspected abuse/neglect even if the ED is notifying the agency.
    - 1.7.1. Notify Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS).
  - 1.8. Carefully document history and physical exam findings as well as environmental and circumstantial data on the run report.
    - 1.8.1. Document the date, time and the DCFS operator's name on your report.

*Department of Children and Family Services*

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