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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.

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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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