

Exercise on Reporting

Name _____ Per _____ Date _____

DIRECTIONS: Using the following scale, rate the situations.

10 _____ **5** _____ **1**

Very serious

Of concern

No big deal

After you rate each item, decide what you would do. List any additional information you would like to have. Circle any that you feel should be reported to Child Protective Services.

1. _____ A 4-year-old is considerably underweight for her age. She comes to your center in the same worn and dirty clothes day after day. She needs a bath. The other children make fun of her and won't play with her.
2. _____ You are aware that the parents of two children, ages 3 and 7, both spend much of their time out of the house due to job responsibilities. They often do not return home until 8 p.m. The children make dinner for themselves and put themselves to bed.
3. _____ A parent of one of the children in your center calls to tell you that her son told her that another child at the center touched her son on his "private parts."
4. _____ A child in your center is constantly seeking attention. When he doesn't get your attention he punches, kicks or disrupts other children around him. You have noticed bruises on his arms and legs.
5. _____ One of the parents of a child in your center tells you that he is worried about a parent who often leaves her 8-month-old baby at home alone while she visits friends or goes to the store.
6. _____ The mother of a child in your center asks you for advice about a concern she has. Her daughter cries when she has to go to her dad's on the weekend. When she comes home she has nightmares and wets the bed.
7. _____ A seven-month old baby new to your program has bruises on his buttocks.

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TEACHER'S KEY

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Need to talk to parents and offer resource information.

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This is illegal.

3. ___5___ A parent of one of the children in your center calls to tell you that her son told her that another child at the center touched her son on his "private parts."

Pay attention and discuss "inappropriate touching" with...(the child? All the children?)

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Bruises from fighting? Investigate. Address behavior issues.

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Needs more research. Question child sensitively, avoiding leading questions (for example, ask "What kinds of things do you and your dad do when you visit him?" instead of "Does your dad touch you inappropriately?")

7. ___10___ A seven-month old baby new to your program has bruises on his buttocks.

Child wearing diaper so bruising unlikely to be from falling. Question/report concern.