

## Child Abuse/Neglect eWiSACWIS Allegation Descriptions

Maltreatment Descriptor is a designation of a result or effect of maltreatment such as specific injuries or conditions resulting from the maltreatment. A descriptor may also be what could have contributed to the maltreatment, such as caregiver drug or alcohol abuse. Although caregiver drug and/or alcohol abuse in itself is not maltreatment, the use may have been a contributing factor to the maltreatment and will be used to better understand when substance use has contributed toward and created specific conditions that affected maltreatment.

**Abandonment:** Parent's identity or whereabouts are unknown, the child has been left by the parent in circumstances in which the child suffers serious harm, or the parent has failed to maintain contact with the child or to provide reasonable support for a specified period of time.

**Abusive Head Trauma:** Abusive head trauma (AHT) involves an inflicted injury to the head and its contents, including those caused by both shaking and blunt impact. This would include Shaken Baby Syndrome, Traumatic Brain injury, Retinal Hemorrhage and Subdermal Hematoma.

**Bruising:** Rupture of small blood vessels and discoloration without a break in the overlying skin or a similar injury to plant tissue. This would include petechiae.

**Burn/Scald:** Injuries caused by exposure to fire, heat or radiation.

**Caregiver Alcohol Abuse:** Use of alcohol by a caregiver that impairs the caregiver's ability to adequately care for the child. This includes exposure to harm due to the use of alcohol.

**Caregiver Drug Abuse:** Use of a controlled substance by a caregiver that impairs the caregiver's ability to adequately care for the child. This includes exposure to harm due to the use of drugs.

**Cut/Laceration/Bite:** Torn, ragged, mangled wounds or abrasions.

**Dislocation/Sprain /Bone Fracture:** The displacement or malalignment of joints, the break of hard tissue (bone) or stretching or tearing of ligaments.

**Drug Affected Infant:** Infants born and identified as affected by illegal substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure.

**Exposure to Controlled Substances:** A child physically present in the location that a controlled substance is being manufactured, this includes exposure to the drug itself and any drug paraphernalia.

**Exposure to Elements/Environmental Hazards:** Exposure to toxins and other environmental factors including but not limited to mold, lead and exposed wires or other home conditions that place the child at risk of harm.

**Exposure to Genitals/Pubic Area:** causes a child to expose genitals or pubic area or exposes genitals or pubic area to a child for purposes of sexual arousal or sexual gratification.

**Failure to Thrive:** A child whose physical growth is substantially below the norm.

**Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder:** Harmful effects that occur when a child was exposed to alcohol while in the womb.

**Forced Viewing of Sexual Activity:** Intentionally cause a child who has not attained 18 years of age to view or listen to sexually explicit conduct: if the viewing or listening is for the purpose of sexually arousing or gratifying the maltreater or humiliating or degrading the child.

**Genital Area Bruising, Red/Swollen, Fissures/Tears:** Rupture of blood vessels in the genitals, or genitals are red/swollen or have tears.

**Internal Injury:** Any trauma that involves organs or cavities of the body.

**Lack of Medical Care:** Failure to respond to a child's medical conditions by not providing treatment which would be effective in ameliorating or correcting all such conditions in a physician's reasonable judgement.

**Lack of Necessary Care:** Failure by the caretaker to provide needed age-appropriate care for other reasons than poverty. This includes care, food, clothing, shelter and the care is necessary and without it could seriously endanger the physical health of a child.

**Lack of Supervision:** Failure to provide adequate supervision that places a child in a situation that requires actions beyond the child's ability (cognitive or physical) or the caregiver is present however is unable or unwilling to supervise the child.

**Malnutrition:** Poor nutritional status caused by nutritional deficiency or excess.

**Medical Crisis-No Care b/c Religion:** Medical condition that's left untreated due to religious reasons.

**Mutual Sexual Activity:** In cases of children under the age of 16 engaging in sexual intercourse, however, there may be protection or service needs even if that involvement is mutual, with a peer and devoid of any elements of assault, exploitation, or coercion.

**No Indicators/Injuries Observed:** No injuries/conditions noted or observed.

**Other Indicator/Injury:** Any other injury not listed.

**Permanent Impairment:** An injury which impairs the physical and/or mental ability of a person.

**Severe Emotional/Behavioral Problems:** Behavior of the child in the school and/or community that adversely affects socialization, learning, and growth. May include adjudicated or non-adjudicated behavior problems.

**Sexual Contact/Intercourse:** Any intentional touching, either directly or through clothing by the use of any body part, if done for the purpose of sexually degrading or sexually humiliating the child or sexually arousing or gratifying the maltreater.

**Sexual Exploitation:** knowingly employs, uses, persuades, induces, entices or coerces any child to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of photographing, filming, videotaping, recording the sounds of or displaying in any way the conduct or photographs, films, videotapes, records the sounds of or displays in any way a child engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

**Sex Trafficking:** Knowingly recruits, entices, provides, obtains, harbors, transports, patronizes, or solicits or knowingly attempts to recruit, entice, provide, obtain, harbor, transport, patronize, or solicit any child for the purpose of commercial sex acts.

**Sexually Transmitted Diseases:** Includes syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia and other diseases the department includes by rule.

**Threatened Abuse/Neglect:** The child is threatened with abuse or neglect.

**Unborn Child Abuse:** Use of controlled substances or controlled substance analogs while pregnant (this does not include children born with controlled substances in their system).

**Unable to Locate Children:** Whereabouts of a child is unknown, includes running away.