

Recognizing signs of sexual or physical abuse in children or toddlers

- *Watch for sudden changes in behavior.
- *Notice if a child complains too much or is overly demanding.
- *Take note if the child seems afraid of home or caregivers.
- *Recognize when the child is obsessed with trauma.
- *Does the child have an early sexual awareness or knowledge.
- *Difficulty walking or sitting normally.
- *Observe physical signs of abuse such as:
burn marks, bite marks, bruising, scratches, vaginal or anal discharges & **tender scalp**