

Assessment for Child Torture Concerns

Deprivation of Basic Necessities:

- Current or Past History of Allegations for Neglect
- Withholding food
- Withholding water
- Withholding clothing
- Subjecting to extremes of heat or cold
- Limiting access to others
- Limiting access to routine medical care
- Forcing child to stay outside for extended periods or sleep outside
- Limiting access to toilet
- Limiting access to personal hygiene/bathing
- Inability to move free of confinement
- Withholding access to schooling/withdrawing to home school
- Sleep deprivation
- Low body mass index (failure to thrive)
- Observed malnourishment
- Lack of suitable sleeping arrangements
- Other (please specify)

Physical Abuse:

- Current or Past History of Allegations for Physical Abuse
- Bruising shaped like hands, fingers, or objects, or black eyes
- Unexplained or unusual fractures
- Ligature, binding, and compression marks due to restraints
- Contact or scald burns to the skin or genitalia
- Flexion of a limb or part of limb beyond its normal range
- Human bite marks
- Force-feeding
- Asphyxiation
- Multiple injuries at different stages of healing
- Other (please specify)

Psychological Maltreatment:

- Current or Past History of Allegations for Psychological Maltreatment
- Rejection by a caregiver
- Terrorizing
- Isolating
- Threats of Harm or Death to child, siblings, or pets
- Exploiting or corrupting
- Unresponsive to child's emotional needs
- Shaming/humiliation
- Use of derogatory or demeaning language
- Other (please specify)

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Sexual Abuse:

- Current or past history of allegations for sexual abuse
- Sexual penetration of the mouth, vagina, or anus
- Physical assault to the genitals
- Coercing or forcing sexual intercourse or sexual contact
- Coercing or forcing child to remain nude or dance provocatively
- Coercing or forcing child to witness or participate in sexual violence or sexual contact with another person, child or animal
- Coercing or forcing a child to have pictures/video taken in the nude or performing sexually explicit acts
- Other (please specify)

Supplemental Items:

- Forcing excessive exercise for punishment
- Forcing positional discipline as punishment
- History of prior referrals and/or investigations by CPS
- One child is targeted more than others
- Siblings abused also
- Siblings join in blaming victim or participate in abuse
- Both caregivers participate in abuse/neglect
- One caregiver fails to protect child
- No disclosures made by victim or siblings
- Caregivers provide what sounds like “reasonable” explanations to allegations
- Caregivers claim the victim child has “mental health” issues or engage in other victim denigration statements