



CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

Unit 3-5

2151.421 Mandatory Reporter - No person described in this section who is acting in an official or professional capacity and knows, or has _____ cause to suspect based on facts... that a child under eighteen years of age ... has suffered or faces a threat of suffering any physical or mental wound, injury, disability, or condition of a nature that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of the child shall fail to _____ that knowledge to the public children services agency or a municipal or county peace officer in the county in which the child resides.

ENDANGERING CHILDREN 2919.22

■ Division (A)

1. Parent, guardian, custodian, person having _____ or _____ or person in loco parentis
2. If a child under 18 years of age **OR a mentally** or physically handicapped child under 21 years of age
3. Create a _____ risk to the _____ or _____ of the child
4. By violation of a duty of care, protection or support

■ Division (B)—Do any of the following to a child under 18 years **OR** a **mentally or physically** handicapped child under 21 years of age:

1. Abuse the child **OR**...
2. _____ or cruelly _____ the child **OR**...
3. Administer corporal punishment or other physical disciplinary measure of physically restrain the child in a cruel manner **OR for a** prolonged period **WHICH punishment,** discipline or restraint is excessive under the circumstances **AND creates a** _____ risk of serious physical harm to the child **OR**...
4. Repeatedly administer _____ disciplinary measures to the child **WHEN there** is substantial risk that such conduct, if continued, will seriously impair or retard the child's mental health or development **OR**...

■ **ABUSE vs. Discipline State v. Hart, 110 Ohio 3d 250 (Defiance 1996)**In one case, the court determined that the mother's act of using a wooden spoon to spank her child, resulting in a one-inch bruise, did _____ by itself constitute abuse because the child appeared happy and unaffected and the mother displayed a calm demeanor at the time of the spankings

■ Division (C)

1. _____ a vehicle, streetcar, trackless trolley
2. In Ohio
3. In violation of Section _____
4. If child _____ 18 is passenger

- Degree of Offense: M-1
- Aggravating circumstances can enhance the penalty to F-4, F-3 or F-2
- The mental state is _____
- Spanking a child is _____ a crime in Ohio unless it causes _____ physical or emotional harm.

2901.13 STATUTE OF _____

- Describes the statute of limitations that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of a child under 18 years of age or impaired under the age of 21 shall not begin to run until -
- The victim reaches the age of majority (____)
- Upon notification to the agency
 - ___ years misdemeanors – violation of 2901.13(A)(1)(b)
 - ___ years felonies – violation of 2901.13(A)(1)(a)
 - ___ years – violation of 2901.13(A)(3)(a)

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE ACCOMMODATION SYNDROME

- _____
 - There are usually no witnesses
 - Usually a combination of direct threats, guilt and shame that requires kids to keep the secret
 - _____
 - The child simply has no one to turn to for help
 - Emotional ties with the suspect
- _____ are common place

THE INVESTIGATION

- Recognize IT IS _____
- Interview the victim first
- Then the non offending parent*
- Siblings
- Grandparents
- Other witnesses, caretakers
- Then the _____
- Collect Evidence along the way
- _____ !

BARRIERS TO THE INVESTIGATION

- Officer's lack of knowledge
- Child may have confided in friends and family – but _____ confide in you
- Child may have been _____ to secrecy
- Mistrust of Police
- Fear of harm _____ the offender
- Officer's _____ to believe that the crime occurred (Status & profession of accused)
- Overworked and burned out officer

THE INTERVIEW OF THE VICTIM

- Allow the child to be _____
- Allow the child to be _____
- _____ until after your first interview with the victim.
- Let them describe to you what happened in _____
- Do _____ lead the child with questions
- Ask specific questions
 - How and where was the child touched?
 - Did the child _____ the suspect?
 - If there were any threats or promises made?
 - If there were others there (victims or offenders)?
 - Where the abuse occurred?
 - When it occurred?
 - Never just ask “_____?” It may not have hurt. Abuse may tickle or feel _____ to a child.

Making the decision to have a child – it’s momentous. It is to decide forever to have your heart go walking around outside your body.

- Elizabeth Stone