



Child Abuse/Neglect

Any intentional abuse, sexual or physical, of a child/minor is prohibited by law. A child/minor is defined as any person under the age of 18.

Child Abuse

Any person who causes physical injury or permits the child to be placed in a situation where the child or the child's health is endangered.

Physical Discipline

A parent, guardian, teacher, or other person entrusted with the care and supervision of a minor may use reasonable and appropriate physical force upon the minor when it is reasonably necessary and appropriate to maintain discipline.

Child Neglect

Failure to provide the basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter, medical treatment, or supervision.

Four types of neglect are:

- Physical neglect – The failure to provide necessary food, clothing, shelter, and not having proper supervision.
- Medical neglect – The failure to provide necessary medical or mental health care to treat a condition or prevent an illness from worsening.
- Educational neglect – Failure to provide adequate access to education.
- Emotional neglect – Child's emotional needs for affection, support, attention, or competence are ignored.

Sexually Related Crimes

When a person engages in any type of sexual contact with a someone **under 18 years of age**. Sexual contact includes sexual intercourse or oral sexual contact, any type of masturbatory contact, as well as any touching of the genitalia, breasts and/or anus.

Sexual offenses against children are a class of conduct that are prohibited by law. Even if the person under the age of 18 years gives consent to the act, it will still be a crime.

Definitions:

- **Sexual contact:** any type of intercourse, masturbatory contact, or touching of the breasts, genitalia, or anus.
- **Masturbatory contact:** rubbing of the genitalia.
- **Sexual intercourse:** any type of penetration.

Incest

Sexual intercourse between close family members such as parent, child, sibling, or grandchild.

Indecent Exposure

Purposely exposing his/her genitals, anus, areola, or nipple of breast to another person.

For further assistance, please contact:

- Phoenix Family Advocate Center; 2120 N. Central Ave, Ste.250; Phoenix AZ; 602-534-2120
- CHILDHELP Hotline; 1-800-422-4453
- Child Abuse Hotline; 1-888-767-2445