

Protecting Youth on Campus

Know the Signs of Abuse & Neglect

Signs of Physical Abuse

- Unexplained injuries, such as bruises or burns in the shape of objects
- Changes in behavior - scared, anxious, depressed, withdrawn, or more aggressive
- Fear of going home - excessive fear of parent, caregiver or going home
- Changes in eating resulting in weight loss or gain.
- Poor peer relationships or inability to relate to peers
- Attention-seeking behaviors

Signs of Sexual Abuse

- Has difficulty walking or sitting
- Suddenly refuses to change for gym or to participate in physical activities or to participate in physical activities
- Reports nightmares or bedwetting
- Sudden changes in weight or appetite
- Inappropriate sexual behaviors - exhibiting overly sexualized behavior or explicit sexual language

Signs of Neglect

- Begs or steals food or money
- Frequent absences
- Lacks needed medical or dental care, or glasses
- Is consistently dirty and has severe body odor
- Lacks sufficient clothing for the weather
- Abuses alcohol or other drugs
- Child states no one is at home to provide care

Report even when you have doubts, it's better to report suspicions than to ignore them!

Reporting Requirements

Mandatory Reporters

Am I a mandatory reporter?

All DU personnel are mandatory reporters.

Staff, faculty, student employees, graduate assistant postdoctoral fellows, researchers, volunteers, independent contractors, and third-party operators are mandatory reporters.

When to Report

Are minors involved?

You must report when you know, suspect, or receive information indicating a minor has been abused or neglected or is otherwise unsafe.

Not Sure?

Contact campus safety—they can assist you and your supervisor in determining what to do.

How to Report

Emergencies—Call 911.

Campus Safety: 303-871-3000

CO Child Abuse & Neglect
Hotline: 844-264-5437

Anonymous Hotline: 303-871-7439
[DU contracts with Lighthouse Services, a confidential 3rd party for anonymous reports.]

Download the DU Safe App to receive and make reports to Campus Safety.



DU Safe

Training & Background Checks Required

for anyone who works with or regularly spend time with minors as part of their responsibilities or who directly supervise those who work with minors.