

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE/ASSAULT SCREENING PROTOCOL FLOW CHART

A child has disclosed sexual abuse, abuse was witnessed, or there is other credible concern that a child was sexually abused.

Make a Child Abuse/Neglect Report to Missouri Children's Division **800-392-3738**

Could the contact have resulted in transfer of biologic evidence?

No

Yes

Is it possible that the contact occurred in the last 3 days (or other locally agreed time interval up to 7 days)?

No

Yes

Emergency medical care, to include possible trace evidence collection and possible prophylactic medications, should be provided in the nearest appropriate facility. Contact local SAFE-CARE provider to determine appropriate follow-up care.

No

Is the child at risk of pregnancy?

- female with signs of pubertal development (such as breast development) *and*
- penile-vaginal contact is suspected

Yes

Is it possible that the contact leading to that pregnancy risk occurred in the last 5 days?

Yes

Emergency medical care, to include possible offer of pregnancy prophylaxis, should be provided in the nearest appropriate facility. Then contact local SAFE-CARE provider to determine appropriate follow-up care.

No

Is the child experiencing symptoms of pain or bleeding?

Yes

Emergency medical care should be provided in the nearest appropriate facility. Then contact local SAFE-CARE provider to determine appropriate follow-up care.

No

Is the child displaying behavioral or emotional problems that put themselves or others in danger?

Yes

Emergency mental health care should be provided in the nearest appropriate facility, which may be a medical facility. Then contact local SAFE-CARE provider to schedule a comprehensive sexual abuse medical evaluation.

No

Is an emergent intervention needed to assure the safety of the child?

Yes

Emergency social intervention should be provided in the nearest appropriate facility, which may be a medical facility. Then contact local SAFE-CARE provider to schedule a comprehensive sexual abuse medical evaluation.

No

Contact your local SAFE-CARE provider to determine if and/or when a scheduled comprehensive sexual abuse medical evaluation is recommended.



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