











# Mandated Reporter Training: Identifying and Reporting Child Abuse and Maltreatment/Neglect

## Evaluating Your Response

*Please evaluate the following cases and rate them by category.*

**Category A** This should be left to the family.

**Category B** Assistance to seek community agency or resource as appropriate.

**Category C** Report to State Central Register (SCR).

**Category D** Call the police immediately.

**Case 1** Mrs. Pitt has two daughters, ages one and four. The children suffer from impetigo, a contagious skin disease. Mrs. Pitt has not kept clinic appointments nor carried out the doctor's instructions.

**Case 2** The Ross family has one child, a five-year-old girl. The mother takes good care of her, but is extremely worried the child will contract a disease. As a result, she doesn't allow her daughter to socialize with other children.

**Case 3** You make a follow-up home visit. Upon your arrival, you find 12-year-old Rasheem home with five younger siblings, and things are chaotic and out of control. Rasheem has no idea where his mother is or when she will return.

**Case 4** Mrs. Young is a divorced woman with three children under school age. She is fond of her children and gives them good physical care. She is sexually promiscuous, however, and often has men staying overnight at her apartment.



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## Reasonable Cause to Suspect: Answer Key

### ***SCENARIO A***

- **What indicators are present?**  
Welts and bruises
- **Is there a reasonable cause to suspect abuse or maltreatment?**  
Yes
- **Is there a person responsible for the suspected abuse or maltreatment?**  
Mother
- **What are your next steps?**  
Call in a report to SCR.

### ***SCENARIO B***

- **What indicators are present?**  
None
- **Is there a reasonable cause to suspect abuse or maltreatment?**  
No
- **Is there a person responsible for the suspected abuse or maltreatment?**  
No
- **What are your next steps?**  
Tell the mother to watch the situation and keep you abreast of her concerns.

### ***SCENARIO C***

- **What indicators are present?**  
Disclosure, sexual abuse
- **Is there a reasonable cause to suspect abuse or maltreatment?**  
Yes
- **Is there a person responsible for the suspected abuse or maltreatment?**  
Mother's boyfriend
- **What are your next steps?**  
Call in a report to the SCR.

### ***SCENARIO D***

- **What indicators are present?**  
Engaging child in criminal activity and exposing children to parent's criminal activity
- **Is there a reasonable cause to suspect abuse or maltreatment?**  
Yes
- **Is there a person responsible for the suspected abuse or maltreatment?**  
Father.
- **What are your next steps?**  
Call in a report to the SCR.



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**Case 1** C - Call the SCR - lack of medical care.

Mrs. Pitt has two daughters, ages one and four. The children suffer from impetigo, a contagious skin disease. Mrs. Pitt has not kept clinic appointments nor carried out the doctor's instructions.

**Case 2** B - Refer parent for counseling, parenting classes, or other services that may be necessary.

The Ross family has one child, a five-year-old girl. The mother takes good care of her, but is extremely worried the child will contract a disease. As a result, she doesn't allow her daughter to socialize with other children.

**Case 3** First D, then C - The children are out of control now and it is unknown where mother is or when she will be home. Although the situation is an SCR report, immediate intervention is necessary. Call the SCR after calling the police.

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**Case 4** A - This should be left to the family.

Mrs. Young is a divorced woman with three children under school age. She is fond of her children and gives them good physical care. She is sexually promiscuous, however, and often has men staying overnight at her apartment.