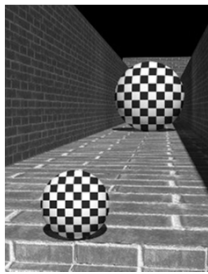


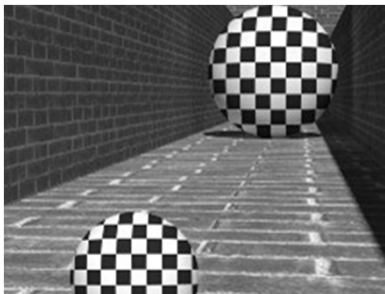


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Does one of these objects appear larger than the other?



**Neglect can be illusive.
You can see it but not realize how big the
problem is.
You will after today!!!**

Objectives

- Define Neglect
- Recognize the 5 types of Neglect
- Address issues of Neglect with your families
- Understand Mandatory Reporting Laws and how to make a report to Child Protective Services

Definition of Neglect

"An omission to do or perform some work, duty, or act which may result in mistreatment of a child."

5 Types of Neglect

- Abandonment
- Medical Neglect
- Neglectful Supervision
- Physical Neglect
- Refusal to Accept Parental Responsibility

5 Types of Neglect

- Abandoning a child in a situation where the child would be exposed to a substantial risk of physical or mental harm;
- Failing to obtain medical care in a situation which may result in death or injury;
- Placing a child in, or failing to remove a child from, a potentially harmful situation;
- Failing to provide the child with food, clothing or shelter;
- Failing to assume parental responsibility - refusing to allow a child to return home after running away or after release from a residential care facility.

Abandonment

Texas Baby Moses Law

- A parent may leave an unharmed infant, up to 60 days old, at any hospital or fire station with "no questions asked."
- To keep the infant safe, the baby must be placed in the arms of the worker at the hospital or fire station
- Abandoned child

Medical Neglect

- Not seeking timely medical treatment
- Not following doctor's orders
- Refusing to consent to life-saving medical treatment



Neglectful Supervision

- Children left alone
- Children left with an inappropriate caregiver
- Children left for extended periods of time
- Child Left Alone

Physical Neglect

- Extremely dirty home (health hazards)
- No food
- Basic needs not being met



Refusal to Accept Parental Responsibility

- Refusing to pick a child up from a hospital or detention
- Not arranging for appropriate living arrangements for a child/teenager

Concerning Behaviors of Caregivers

- Mental Health Issues
- Criminal Activities
- Drug and Alcohol Abuse
- Domestic Violence
- Unclear Roles of Responsibility

YOU Speak up for them!

- Because you are mandated by law to report suspected child abuse and neglect (TFC 261.101)
- Because if you don't, who will?



Suspect abuse/neglect? What do you do?

- Contact the 24-hour hotline at 1-800-252-5400
- Complete an internet report at:
<https://www.txabusehotline.org>

www.dfps.state.tx.us



