

Suspected Abuse/Neglect Additional Resources

If you suspect potential abuse and/or neglect of a minor or a mentally handicapped guest under the age of 21, please refer to the Abuse/Neglect Standard Operating Procedures and follow the appropriate next steps.

The following information provides some additional context from trusted authorities to help guide our next steps in either reporting and/or caring for families at CedarCreek Church.

If a child exposes themselves to another child:

- If it was an innocent exposure between two little children it's helpful to talk with both guardians to let them know the incident occurred.
 - If the guardian of the child who exposed themselves responds appropriately and confirms this was a one-time occurrence, the act was probably a developmental "harmless" incident. We can encourage the guardians to coach more appropriate behavior.
 - If the guardian of the child who exposed themselves responds in an awkward way or says this behavior happens often, it's best to report.
- If it was an incident between two older children or seemed more forceful or direct, it's best to report.
- If we see changes in the behavior or personality of the victim after the incident occurs, or if they begin to expose themselves to others, it's best to report.