

## CHILD ABUSE REPORTING

Read the sentences below. They describe Mary, a 12 year old girl. The sentences describe behaviors. Discuss, and decide which behaviors are normal and which ones may be red flags for possible abuse of some kind. Circle the number of each sentence that gives a clue that Mary may be an abused child.

1. Mary is usually good-natured.
2. Mary is usually outgoing.
3. Mary does not cry very much.
4. Lately, Mary is less friendly with her girlfriends, than she usually is.
5. She hardly ever has any lunch to eat at school.
6. She spends much of her time alone.
7. Mary's parents have a lot of money.
8. Her parents are seldom home.
9. Mary avoids going home. She stays away as long as possible.
10. Mary's mother occasionally picks her up at school.
11. Mary seems afraid of her mother. Mary sits away from her mom and does not talk.
12. Mary's mom usually seems upset or mad. She yells at Mary all the time and has little patience.
13. Mary likes to play with dolls. She talks to the dolls when she plays with them.
14. Mary's dad does not spend much time with Mary. He reads the newspaper, watches TV, and works in his shop inside the garage.
15. Mary's father was a good athlete in college. Sometimes he wishes he could still play basketball. He gets frustrated with Mary for not being interested in sports.
16. Mary's father does not discipline Mary. He lets his wife discipline her.
17. Mary's parents take Mary to the doctor once a year for a check up.
18. Mary recently had several serious bruises on her arms and legs. When asked how she got the bruises, Mary said she hurt herself when she bumped into the table at home.

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19. If you thought Mary was an abused child and you wanted to help her, to WHOM might you report this? (List two people or places)

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20. When you report that you think Mary is being abused, what would you say? (List the vital information you must give when you report)

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