



EMS role is to:

- Document concerns
- Assess and stabilize potentially serious injuries
- Disclose concerns to the appropriate authorities (hospital and law enforcement or appropriate state authorities)

EMS personnel are mandatory reporters of any suspicion for abuse, maltreatment, neglect, or suspected human trafficking or sex trafficking of a minor per A.R.S. §13-3620.A and A.R.S. §13-3212

B Primary survey:

- Identify potentially life-threatening issues.
- Refer to [Trauma AG](#) as needed.

B Secondary survey:

- Assess physical issues, document any statements made spontaneously by patient
- Avoid extensive investigation of the specifics of abuse.

B Notify the following applicable entities:

1. Law enforcement and one of the following:
 - a. Arizona Department of Child Safety [1-888-SOS-CHILD (1-888-767-2445)]
 - b. Adult Protective Services Central Intake Unit [1-877-SOS-ADULT (1-877-767-2385)]
<https://www.azdes.gov/landingforms.aspx?form=13004>
2. A tribal law enforcement or social services agency for any Native American minor who resides on an Indian reservation

NOTE: Reporting to hospital personnel does not qualify as having fulfilled the mandatory reporting requirement. Leave the investigation to law enforcement.

B Transport to appropriate receiving facility.
Refer to [BLS Transport Threshold AG](#) as indicated

Scenarios that call for a high index of suspicion for abuse in children include:

- Brief Resolved Unexplained Event (BRUE)
- Any bruising on a patient <4 months
- Any bruising on the torso, ears, neck on a patient <4 years