



Abilene Police Department Information Release



Our mission is to work together to build a community of the highest quality for present and future generations.

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Subject – Child Abuse Prevention Month

Date/Time of Incident – The month of April

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April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Child abuse tears at the very fabric of our society but every community and every individual can play an important role in preventing child abuse. Last year in Texas alone:

227 children died due to abuse or neglect at the hands of their parents or guardians (53 less than the previous year).

66,897 children were confirmed victims of abuse or neglect.

16,347 children were removed from their homes because of abuse or neglect.

Closer to home, Child Abuse Stats for Abilene in 2010:

5036 investigations were completed

8749 alleged victims

2451 confirmed victims

~64 % Neglectful Supervision

~13 % Physical Abuse

~9 % Physical Neglect

~8 % Sexual Abuse

~3% Medical Neglect

~2% Emotional Abuse

~1 % Abandonment / Refusal to Accept Parental Responsibility

We can all fight child abuse and reduce its terrible toll by listening to what children are saying, recognizing the signs of child abuse, and never assuming someone else will do something about it. Report suspected abuse or neglect to the Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 1-800-252-5400 or call the Abilene Police Department at (325) 673-8331.