

- (2) "Sexual abuse" includes:
- (i) incest, rape, or sexual offense in any degree;
  - (ii) sodomy; and
  - (iii) unnatural or perverted sexual practices.

[(u)](v) "Unsubstantiated" means a finding that there is an insufficient amount of evidence to support a finding of indicated or ruled out.

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(b) Within 24 hours after receiving a report of suspected PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL abuse and within 5 days after receiving a report of suspected neglect OR SUSPECTED MENTAL INJURY, the local department or the appropriate law enforcement agency shall:

- (1) see the child;
- (2) attempt to have an on-site interview with the child's caretaker;
- (3) decide on the safety of the child, wherever the child is, and of other children in the household; and
- (4) decide on the safety of other children in the care or custody of the alleged abuser.

(c) The investigation shall include:

(1) a determination of the nature, extent, and cause of the abuse or neglect, if any; [and]

(2) IF MENTAL INJURY IS SUSPECTED, AN ASSESSMENT BY ~~ONE~~ TWO OF THE FOLLOWING:

(I) A LICENSED PHYSICIAN, AS DEFINED IN § 14-101 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE;

(II) A LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST, AS DEFINED IN § 18-101 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE; OR

(III) A LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER, AS DEFINED IN § 19-101 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE; AND

[(2)](3) if the suspected abuse or neglect is verified:

(i) a determination of the identity of the person or persons responsible for the abuse or neglect;

(ii) a determination of the name, age, and condition of any other child in the household;

(iii) an evaluation of the parents and the home environment;

(iv) a determination of any other pertinent facts or matters; and