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Child abuse is something that takes place in the world because a couple of jerks decided they wanted a kid. But they didn't want to give the kid the kind of love that they kids needs, which is caring and understanding. Instead they decided to beat on their child, abuse them mentally, and in some cases even sexually. Scarring the child for life, because they decided that it was fun to abuse on an innocent child that all they wanted was love not to be hated or abused. Deaths occur because they can't stop beating on the child, or if the child is lucky they get taken away from their parents and put in a foster home. A strange place that they don't want to be in because they want to be home yet home isn't safe for them because people do stupid mistakes and decided that it's okay to abuse their child when really it isn't okay. Child abuse punishments for the abuser should be harsher than what they are and then maybe people would think before they do. Like that would happen but still, children are dying because of that and children are our future leaders. We need children so people need to stop abusing their children. It's illegal and they should have to do the crime, instead of people saying that they couldn't find anything on the child or whatever. Child abuse needs to stop before it affects more children than what we think it does.

Every child has the right to be in a safe home, instead of having to fear for their lives daily. All because they ended up in the wrong family, because the family doesn't love them and never will probably because they only want to use the child as a punching bag. Probably because they are angry at the world, so they have anger issues and so they take it out on the child that has no clue what they did wrong if they even didn't do anything wrong. But that is a part of life people say, yet somebody out there has to be able to stop child abuse, they have to be able to say enough is enough. Or what are they going to wait until all of the children that gets abused is dead? How low can a person be to abuse their own flesh and blood? I guess just as low as a person who knows that a child is being abused and does nothing about it. Child abuse is a crime and police officers so step up a level and take charge and do something about it. Yet they won't for some odd reasons. Although that child life lays in his or hers hand and they don't want to do anything about it. No wonder the world is so messed up. Things would be so much different if somebody actually spoke out and did something about it instead of just talking about it on the down low. Because talking about it doesn't make you the hero, it isn't much better because you don't have the courage to do something else.

It is more likely that if the child makes it through until they are an adult they will become an abuser to their children or somebody near close. Abused children cannot express emotions safely, in some cases they either turn to drugs or alcohol. Four main types of child abuse would be Emotional Child Abuse, Child Neglect, Physical Child Abuse, and Child Sexually abuse. With Emotional Child Abuse it can severely damage a child's mental health or social development, leaving lifelong emotional scars. Some examples of E.C.A would be constant belittling, shaming, and humiliating a child. Calling a child names and making negative comments, telling a child that he or she is no good, worthless, bad, or a mistake, frequently yelling, threatening, or bullying. And there are many more examples of that form of child abuse, but why dwell on just one? Examples of Child Neglect would be failing to provide for a Child's basic needs, it could be food, clothing, hygiene, or supervision. Child Neglect is not always easy to spot. In some cases the parent might become physically or mentally unable to care for the child, such as with serious injury, untreated depression, or anxiety. In other cases alcohol or drug abuse may seriously impair judgment and ability to keep the child safe. Older children might not show the signs of neglect because they adapted to it, and became able to hide it. Even taking on the roll of being a parent to another sibling. Neglect children aren't getting their physically or emotional needs met either. With Physical abuse it involves physical harm or injury to the child. It may be caused by an attempt to hurt the child but not always. It can also results because of serve discipline by using a belt on the child or by physical punishment that is inappropriate for the child's age or physical condition. Many abusive parents will state that their actions is simply for discipline and they mean no harm. Always to make a child learn better than without being abused. There is a big different between using physical

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punishment to discipline a child rather than physical abuse. The point of discipline to a child is to teach them from right to wrong not make them live in fear daily.

In physical abuse the child never knows what is going to set the parents off, there are no clear boundaries or rules. The child is constantly walking on eggshells, never sure what behavior will trigger a physical assault. Physical abusive parents act out of anger and the desire to assert control, not the motivation to lovingly teach the child right from wrong or whatever takes place. The angrier the parent is the more intense the abuse will be to the child. Parents who are usually abusive may believe that their children need to fear them in order to be good, so they physically abuse them. But instead of learning to behave or to grow as individuals they learn not to get hit.

Child Sexual abuse is an especially complicated form of abuse because of the layers of shame and guilt. It is very important to recognize that sexual abuse doesn't always involve body contact. Exposing a child to sexual situations or material is sexually abusive, if there is touching or not. Sexual abuse normally occurs by someone that the child knows and should be able to trust most often close relatives. As some people like to believe it isn't just girls that can be sexually abuse, boys and girls both suffer from sexual abuse. Actually, sexual abuse of boys may be underreported due to shame and stigma. Beside the physical abuse that sexual abuse can cause to the victim it can also cause emotional problems as well. Sexually abused children are tormented by shame and guilt, some might feel that they are responsible for the abuse or somehow brought it upon themselves. This can also lead to self-loathing and sexual problems as they grow older, often excessive promiscuity or an inability to have intimate relations. The shame that the children face makes it hard for them to come forward. They may worry that others won't believe them, will be angry with them, or that it will spilt their family apart. So because of these difficulties false accusations of sexual abuse is not common to hear about. So if a child ever confides into you take them serious, don't turn a blind eye!

Some risks factors for Child Abuse and Neglect might be domestic violence, alcohol and or drug abuse, untreated mental illness, lack or parenting skills, and stress and lack of support. If you suspect that a child is being abused is it important to seek out the help that he or she needs, and not worry about inferring with another family because you could be the key to that child living or not. If you have a gut feeling that something is wrong act on it, it is better to be safe than sorry. You can make a difference with what you do even if you don't believe that you can. You can be the person that saves a child, you are probably the last hope for that child. More than 1.25 million, or 1 in every 58 children were either abused or neglected in the United States . That isn't counting all of the un-known child abuse that takes place. Every day a case of child abuse is submitted. An average of four children die every day due to child abuse or neglect. Thirty-one percent of women in jail now were abused as children. The estimated cost of child abuse and neglect in the United States runs about \$104 billion, in 2007 at least so more than likely that number has went up. Abused children are 25% more likely to experience teen pregnancy. While abused teens are three times less likely to practice safe sex, putting them at greater risk for STDs. 14% of men in prison was abused as children. Child abuse is happening all around us and it needs to stop. We shouldn't take this as a joke because nobody in there right mind will joke about child abuse.

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