

## **Topic 1: Abuse Allegations**

Link to [CPS Assessment Procedure](#)

Under Iowa law, categories of child abuse are as follows:

- ◆ [Physical abuse](#): Nonaccidental physical injury, or injury at variance with history or injury is reasonably inferred from the description of the caretaker's action
- ◆ [Mental injury](#): Impairment to psychological or intellectual capacity of child to function within the normal range of performance and behavior due to acts or omission of caretaker.
- ◆ [Sexual abuse](#): Sexual offense between child and caretaker, or assault with intent to commit a sexual offense, or child pornography or incest.
- ◆ [Denial of critical care](#): Failure to provide adequate food, shelter, clothing, health care, mental health care, or proper supervision or failure to respond to an infant's life-threatening condition.
- ◆ [Child prostitution](#): Sale, purchase, or offer for sale of the services of the child as a partner in a sex act, where the caretaker has allowed, permitted, or encouraged child to engage in prostitution.
- ◆ [Presence of illegal drugs](#): Presence of an illegal drug in the child's body that is a direct and foreseeable consequence of the acts or omission of the child's caretaker.
- ◆ [Manufacturing or possession of dangerous substances](#): Unlawful manufacture of a dangerous substance in the presence of the child, allowing the manufacture of a dangerous substance in the child's presence, or possessing a product containing ephedrine in the presence of a child with the intent of using it in the manufacture of a dangerous substance.
- ◆ [Bestiality in the presence of a minor](#): Sex act between a person and an animal in the presence of a child when the person resides in the home with the child and the act was committed due to the acts or omission of the caretaker.
- ◆ [Allows access by a registered sex offender](#): The caretaker knowingly allows a person custody or control of, or unsupervised access to a child or minor after knowing that the person is required to register or is listed on the Sex Offender Registry.