

Practices for Preventing Child Abuse & False Allegations of Child Abuse In Your Day Care

1. Assure that the best communication possible exists between you and the parents.
2. Communicate with parents each day. Tell them what their child did all day.
3. Encourage parents to talk to their children about their child's day. Encourage parents to talk to you if there is something alarming, or something they don't understand.
4. Inform parents that you are a mandated reporter of suspected child abuse or neglect.
5. Notify the parents that they have a right to come observe their child at any time.
6. Keep a record book to record any injury a child has upon arrival. This documentation will be helpful in the event you are accused of being responsible for an injury or bruise which was present when the child arrived.
7. Create an environment which lends itself to good supervision. Remember to closely supervise those little private places children like so much – the nooks & crannies – both indoors and outdoors.
8. Require that only one child at a time can use the bathroom.

(suggestions from the Association of Minnesota Family Child Care Licensors)