

# Southeast Michigan Regional Protocol

Genesee, HEMS (Wayne), Lapeer, Macomb, Oakland, and Washtenaw/Livingston MCA's

## Child Abuse

The EMS Personal should, in all cases involving pediatric injuries, observe the behavior of any involved adults (parents, relatives, baby-sitters, friends, etc.) for anything that might suggest injuries may have been deliberately inflicted. Any such suspicions must be reported to the appropriate authorities as well as to medical personnel at the receiving hospital.

### **State Law:**

(MCL: 722.623(3)(1)) "A person licensed to provide medical care . . . who has reasonable cause to suspect child abuse or neglect immediately by telephone or otherwise, shall make an oral report, or cause an oral report to be made, of the suspected child abuse or neglect to the department (of Social Services). Within 72 hours the reporting person shall file a written report as required in the act . . . One report from a hospital or agency shall be considered adequate to meet the reporting requirement."

### **Pre-Radio**

#### **MFR/EMT/SPECIALIST/PARAMEDIC**

1. Follow General Pre-Hospital Care Protocol (look for dehydration, poor hygiene, unusual injuries, etc.)
2. Treat the patient medically, as indicated, and follow the appropriate treatment protocols.
3. Report suspected child abuse as part of an emergency facility process or file one independently.
4. If child abuse is suspected and a parent or guardian refuses transport, local police and/or Protective Services should be contacted. The following are the respective Protective Service phone numbers:

Genesee County	(810) 760-2053
Lapeer County	(810) 664-5968
Livingston County	(517) 546-8668
Macomb County	(586) 254-1513
N. Oakland County	(248) 975-5566
	(248) 975-5324
	(248) 669-7600
S. Oakland County	(248) 583-8803
Washtenaw County	(734) 481-9110
Wayne County	(313) 396-6006

**NOTE:** Protect the patient from further injury, if possible, without risking injury or harm to health personnel.