

Any type of _____ is NOT allowed at camp.

If a child discloses abuse to you, the most important thing you can do is _____.

Take good notes

Make sure the abuse actually happened

Listen to the child

You should _____ the child. Never criticize the child or claim that the child has misunderstood what happened. It is not your responsibility to determine whether the allegation is true. Children seldom lie about abuse.

Believe

Affirm

Protect

You should _____ the child. Children who have been victimized may feel sad, angry, fearful, anxious, and depressed. Accept and understand the child's feelings. Avoid telling the child how he or she "should feel." Rather, emphasize that the child is not to blame for what happened. Praise him/her for courage and honesty, and promise you will get help.

Protect

Refer

Affirm

You should _____ the child. Along with the Organization Leader, Group Leader or other trusted adult, take the child to a private place. Discuss the situation only with these individuals. Try to avoid repeated interviews about the incident. Never promise that everything will be okay. You can promise that you will do what you can to help.

Protect

Believe

Refer

You should _____ the child. DO NOT attempt to handle the problem alone. This is important for the well being of the child as well as for your own protection. As a child care custodian, you are mandated by the law to report child abuse.

Refer

Affirm

Reassure

In the state of Texas, a person is required to report child abuse if there is _____ that abuse has occurred.

If a child discloses abuse to you at camp, the three on-site people that need to be notified immediately are:

Organization Leader

Group Leader

Child's sibling

Camper's friend

Retreat Center Director or his assistant

Fellow Sponsor/Counselor

If the suspected abuse occurs at the youth camp, the suspected abuse must be reported to the Texas Department of Health & Human Services Commission (HHSC) utilizing the online form at https://wafers.hhsc.state.tx.us/Abuse_Fraud_Re-reporting_IR.asp. (available at camp office)