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Bruising Clinical Decision Rule

When is bruising concerning for abuse?

If any of the 3 components (Regions, Ages, Patterns) are observed in a child **under 4 years of age**, strongly consider seeking evaluationby a medical provider with expertise in child abuse.

REGIONS

Torso | **E**ars | **N**eck

FACES

Frenulum
Angle of Jaw
Cheeks *(fleshy part)*
Eyelids
Subconjunctivae
(whites of the eyes)

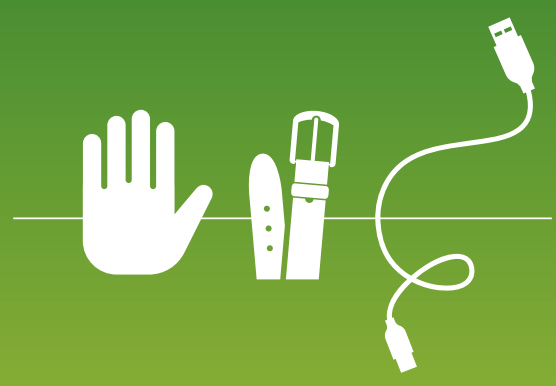
AGES

4 months and younger

Any bruise, anywhere

PATTERNS

Patterned bruising



Bruises in specific patterns like slap, grab or loop marks

See the signs

These areas are most often injured from physical assault.

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