

IF YOU SEE A CHILD BEING MISTREATED IN A PUBLIC PLACE

Here are some things you can do:

- Try to engage in a conversation with the adult to redirect their attention away from the child.
- If you know the parent, offer to watch the child for a few minutes while the parent takes a break. A few moments away from crowds and distractions can make a big difference.
- Talk to the child to divert their attention away from the situation.
- Praise the child and/or parent at the first opportunity.
- Alert a person in a position of authority if you are concerned about the physical safety of the child. This can be a store manager or a security guard. If you feel the child is in immediate danger, call the police.

To report suspected child abuse or neglect, call Crawford County Human Services at (814) 724-8380