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Did you know? Sunburns

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When considering whether or not to accept a report of neglect due to a child receiving a severe sunburn, exploration questions should be asked around and consideration given to:

- Age of the child
- Extent of the sunburn and blisters (isolated area versus large areas)
- How the sunburn is effecting the child (symptoms and level of pain)
- Determine if sunscreen was used
- Length of time child was in the sun
- Was child supervised during this time by the parent or caretaker
- Does the child have any underlying medical conditions that could be made worse due to the burns and/or dehydration?

Please note if a physician is calling stating that that a child has received a severe burn and they are concerns about the child's welfare, we would accept this as a report.

For further information on sunburns and related symptoms, please click here:

<http://www.webmd.com/skin-problems-and-treatments/tc/sunburn-topic-overview>

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