

dental care or shelter so as to seriously endanger the physical health of the child.

2. Responding officers shall conduct a preliminary interview with the reporting individual, when known, to determine the basis for the report, to include determination of such factors as:
 - a. The physical condition of the child.
 - b. A description of any abusive or neglectful behavior.
 - c. Evidence of parental disabilities such as alcoholism, drug abuse, mental illness, or other factors that demonstrate or suggest parental inability to care for the child.
 - d. Document descriptions of suspicious injuries or conditions.
 - e. Document any statements made by the child concerning parental maltreatment.
 - f. Any evidence of parental indifference or inattention to the child's physical or emotional needs.

3. Immediate action shall be taken by officers when:
 - a. The complaint warrants arrest or criminal prosecution;
 - b. Bureau of Child Welfare personnel are not avail

D. Family Interview if required, will be conducted by the Milwaukee Police Department.

E. Physical Evidence

Collecting physical evidence to document abuse is very important for prosecuting these cases. In this regard, officers should be aware of the following:

1. A physical examination of the victim relative to the nature of the abuse should be completed by a medical professional.
2. Photographs of victim injuries should be taken and preserved for evidentiary purposes. All injuries should be described in writing and diagrammed.
3. If appropriate, x-