

TEN-4 BRUISING RULE

4 Years and Younger
Torso, Ears, Neck



Any bruising
anywhere, if the
baby is less than
4 months



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is a Mandatory Reporter

TEN-4-FACESp Bruising Rule

Kids are kids, and sometimes they play in ways that result in minor cuts, scrapes, and bruises. These minor injuries are often found on bony areas of the body like knees, shins, elbows, and foreheads. However, there are other types of bruises that should be a red flag for possible abuse.

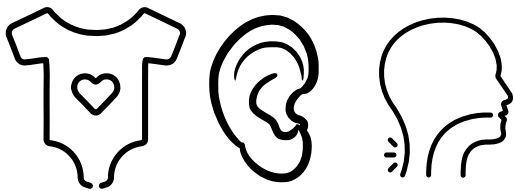
When is bruising concerning for abuse in children younger than 4 years of age?

Children 4 and under

REGIONS

“TEN”

Torso Ears Neck



“FACES”

Frenulum
Angle of Jaw
Cheeks (fleshy part)
Eyelids
Subconjunctivae

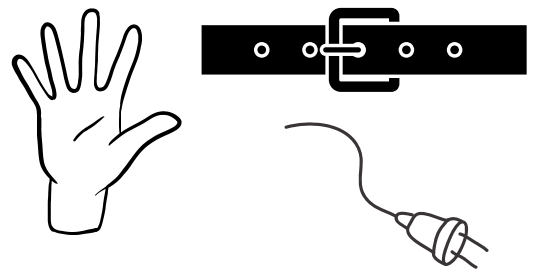
INFANTS

“4” = infants ages 4 months and younger (anywhere)



PATTERNS

“p” = patterned bruising



TEN-4-FACESp is a useful acronym to help screen children under 4 years of age with bruising to identify when a bruise is more likely to be caused by abuse than accidental injury. The TEN-4-FACESp is not intended to diagnose abuse.