

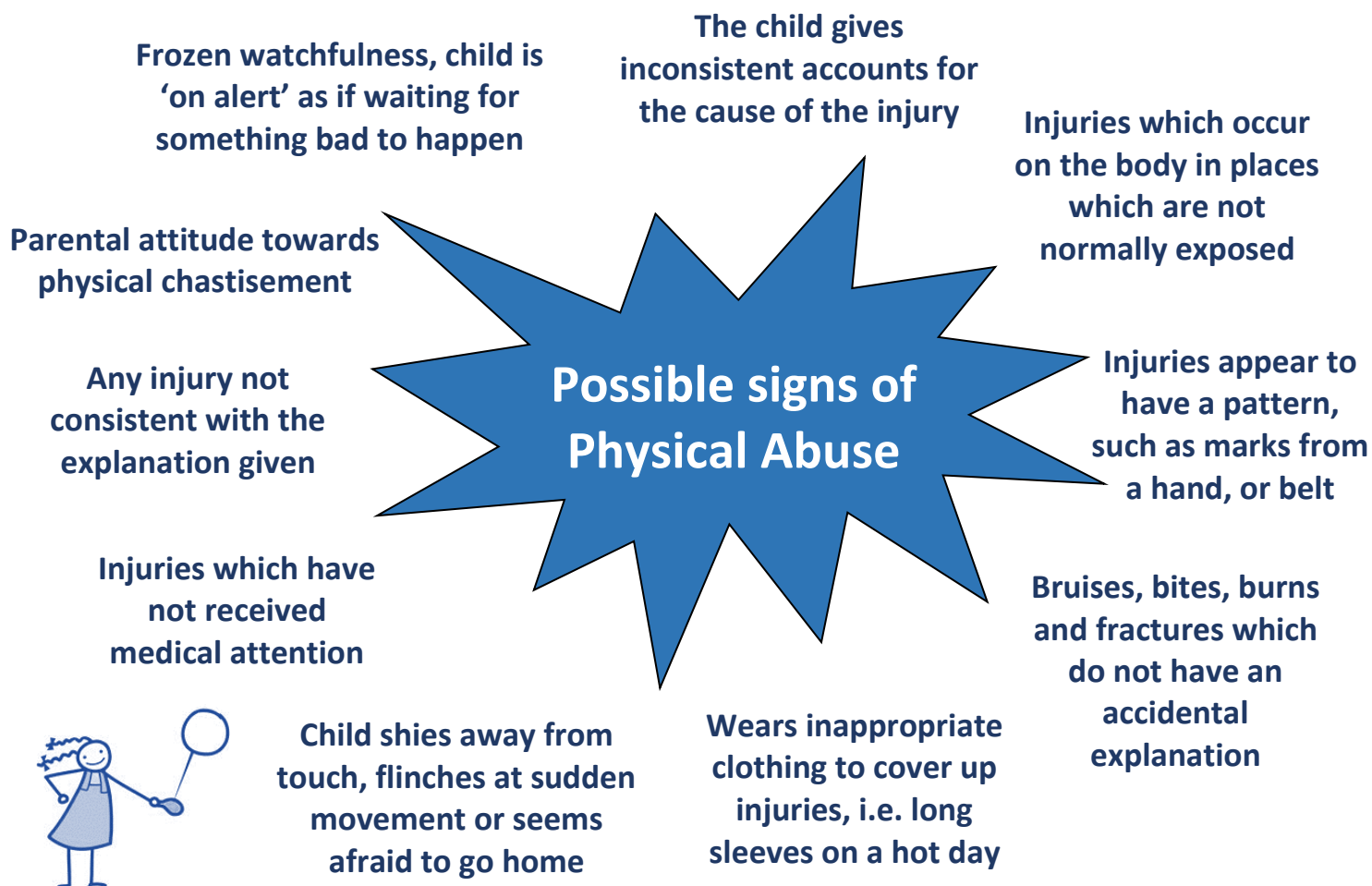
Recognising signs of Physical Abuse

Physical abuse is deliberately causing harm to a child.

This might involve punching, kicking, biting, hitting, burning, scalding, shaking, throwing or beating with objects such as belts, whips or sticks.

It also includes poisoning, giving a child alcohol or illegal drugs, drowning or suffocation.

If you have any concerns, you MUST speak to your Manager or Child Protection Lead Officer and follow the Setting Safeguarding/Whistle Blowing Procedure.



Further reading:

- What to do if you're worried a child is being abused ([Child abuse concerns - guide for practitioners](#))
- www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2
- SSCP: [Southampton Safeguarding Children Partnership](#)
- www.nspcc.org.uk
- [Safeguarding and welfare \(southampton.gov.uk\)](http://Safeguarding and welfare (southampton.gov.uk))
- [Abusive Head Trauma and ICON](#)