

**Table 5.1 Subtypes of Child Neglect**

Subtype	Description	Examples
Health care or medical neglect	Refusal to provide (or delay in providing) physical or mental health care	Failing to obtain child's immunizations Failing to fill prescriptions for child's needed medications or to follow health care provider's instructions Failing to attend to child's dental needs Failing to obtain prescribed psychological help for child
Personal hygiene neglect	Failure to meet basic standards of personal care and cleanliness	Infrequent bathing of child Neglecting child's dental hygiene Not providing child with clothing adequate for weather conditions or of the correct size Not providing sleeping arrangements that allow child to obtain adequate sleep
Nutritional neglect	Failure to provide a sufficient and nutritionally balanced diet	Providing insufficient calories to support child's growth Providing meals for child that do not include all the basic food groups Providing child with food that is stale or spoiled
Neglect of household safety	Failure to eliminate safety hazards in and around the child's living area	Allowing structural hazards to exist in and around the home, such as broken stairs or railings, broken windows, or holes in floors or ceilings Allowing fire hazards and burn threats to exist in and around the home, such as combustible materials close to heat sources or frayed wiring Leaving chemicals or drugs where they are accessible to child
Neglect of household sanitation	Failure to meet basic standards of housekeeping care and cleanliness	Allowing garbage and trash to accumulate in the home Failing to control vermin and insects Allowing surfaces in the home to become covered with dirt and filth Failing to provide clean bedding
Inadequate shelter	Failure to provide adequate physical shelter and/or a stable home	Refusing responsibilities of custody of child Not allowing runaway child to return home Failing to provide child with a stable and permanent home (i.e., homelessness) Providing child with an overcrowded home (e.g., 25 people living in a four-bedroom home) Throwing child out of the home

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