Depiction of Child Abuse Injuries

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Cigarette burns are usually inflicted on the palms, soles, and buttocks.

Child may be gagged as punishment or to stop persistent crying.
- Gags leave characteristic bruises at the corners of the mouth.

Abuse must be suspected if burns are in the configuration of common household utensils or appliances. Abuse should also be suspected if the burn is in an area that is typically covered, or in an unusual area, such as the shoulder.

Wrists or ankles may be tied as a form of punishment or to keep child “safe”.
- Fresh blister may be caused by rope burns.
- Hyperpigmented, chronic, rope burn injuries leave characteristic scars on the wrists and ankles.