

## SIXTH GRADE PERSONAL SAFETY

The issue of child abuse is discussed in relation to the Pennsylvania Child Protective Services Law. The video, *Abuse: If It Happens to You*, is used to discuss the dynamics of child abuse and how a child can get help.

**TIME REQUIRED:** 40-45 minutes, one class period

### OBJECTIVES:

- Students will identify and give examples of the various types of child abuse identified by the Law - physical, verbal, sexual and neglect
- Students will recognize the differences between child abuse and discipline or accidental harm
- Students will recognize and respect their own and everyone's right to be safe
- Students will identify persons and resources they can ask for help instead of keeping abuse a secret
- Students will recognize that they are not to blame if someone behaves in a way that is abusive toward them

### OUTLINE:

1. Definition and discussion of child abuse – review of PA law
2. Video and discussion
3. Discussion of the options the students can exercise to stop abuse and get help
4. Handout and closure

### MATERIALS:

Video: *Abuse: If It Happens to You*

### HANDOUT:

*Bill of Rights*

### FACILITIES:

Individual classroom  
Ability to play a DVD  
White/chalkboard