

Affects on Children and Teens

PRENATAL

- Increased miscarriages due to increased beatings and/or mother's stress
 - Poor health due to mother's stress and lack of proper nutrition
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INFANT

- Excessive crying and irritability
 - Sleep disturbances
 - Digestive problems
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TODDLERS & PRESCHOOL

- More aggressive or withdrawn than other children
 - Impaired cognitive abilities and delays in verbal development
 - General fearfulness, anxiety, lack of confidence to begin new tasks
 - Stomach aches, nightmares, lack of bowel and bladder control over three years old
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SCHOOL AGE

- Poor grades or in special classes, failure of one or more grade levels
 - Poor social skills and low self-esteem
 - General aggressiveness, violent outbursts of anger
 - Withdrawn
 - Bed wetting, nightmares
 - Digestive problems, ulcers, headaches
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TEENAGERS

- Poor grades, cuts school
- Withdrawn socially, few friends, low self-esteem
- Stays away from home and/or refuses to bring friends home
- Feels responsible to take care of victim and home
- Runs away from home
- Violent, angry outbursts
- Poor judgment, irresponsible decision making
- Unable to communicate feelings
- Immaturity
- Nightmares, bedwetting, ulcers, digestive problems, severe acne, headaches
- Learned acceptance - boyfriend or girlfriend hitting them
- Teen pregnancy