

# Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Is Genetic, Not Child Abuse!

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Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS) is a genetic disorder that is the cause for many unfounded child abuse cases. The reason for these cases is the fact that EDS goes undiagnosed due to the limited knowledge in the medical community. Recently medical journals are stating that EDS is more prevalent than was once thought.

Children who have EDS often go through life with many complications and some may resemble signs of child abuse. Children with EDS can have multiple fractures without injury and at different degrees of healing. Fragile skin and the ability to bruise easily will result in unexplained marks on a child with EDS. Frequent subluxations and/or dislocations along with frequent illnesses are all signs of a child who may have EDS.

A child with EDS who shows these signs and is at the center of an abuse or neglect case will not show the typical emotional triggers associated with child abuse. Those with EDS experience many false negatives in medical studies and not all the genetic markers have been found yet. EDS is a condition that is very traumatizing for children at times. Often they are excluded from events because of the condition. Do not make it worse by calling their parents child abusers.

EDS is not child abuse nor is it a crime to have a genetic disorder that goes undiagnosed. Learn the signs of EDS and avoid leaving a permanent scar on a family that is already challenged with a lifelong medical condition. EDS has no cure or specific treatment.

## Children with EDS might exhibit some or all of these signs:

Brittle Bones (Osteogenesis Imperfecta)  
Easy Bruising  
Flat Feet  
Hypermobile Joints  
Joint Pain  
Low Vitamin D and C levels  
GERD  
Potty training problems  
Blue Sclera



Soft or translucent skin  
Stretchy or fragile skin  
Higher level of Anxieties  
Popping and Cracking sound from joints  
Poor wound healing  
Frequent ankle injury  
Unexplained pain  
Frequent school absences due to illness  
More signs at CEDSA.org

**Do Not Make Having EDS A Crime  
By Calling It Child Abuse!**  
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