

## 2021 Kansas Statutes

21-5602. **Abuse of a child.** (a) Abuse of a child is knowingly:

- (1) Torturing or cruelly beating any child under the age of 18 years;
- (2) shaking any child under the age of 18 years which results in great bodily harm to the child; or
- (3) inflicting cruel and inhuman corporal punishment upon any child under the age of 18 years.

(b) Abuse of a child is a:

- (1) Severity level 5, person felony, except as provided in subsection (b)(2); and
- (2) severity level 4, person felony, if the victim is under the age of six years.

(c) A person who violates the provisions of this section may also be prosecuted for, convicted of, and punished for any form of battery or homicide.

**History:** L. 2010, ch. 136, § 79; L. 2011, ch. 30, § 285; L. 2019, ch. 59, § 6; July 1.