

Activity 4E: Poverty vs. Neglect

Read the scenarios below and consider the circumstances in which each situation would and would not constitute a child safety issue. Complete the sentence for both “Yes, if . . .” and “No, if . . .”

In the large group, describe some of the factors you considered as you finished each sentence.

A family does not have a refrigerator. Is this a child safety issue?

Yes, if . . .

No, if . . .

A family lives in a rental unit with holes in the floor. Is this a child safety issue?

Yes, if . . .

No, if . . .

A family lives in a car. Is this a child safety issue?

Yes, if . . .

No, if . . .

A family does not have a regular pediatrician. Is this a child safety issue?

Yes, if . . .

No, if . . .

A family does not have electricity. Is this a safety issue?

Yes, if . . .

No, if . . .

A family does not have beds for their children. Is this a safety issue?

Yes, if . . .

No, if . . .

A family does not have money to buy the mother’s antidepressant medication. Is this a safety issue?

Yes, if . . .

No, if . . .

A family does not have a crib for their infant. Is this a safety issue?

Yes, if . . .

No, if . . .

A family has one parent who uses drugs. Is this a safety issue?

Yes, if . . .

No, if . . .
