

# Can Too Much Tylenol PM Lead to Child Neglect Charges?

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According to state child protective service agencies, more than 1 million children are victims of child abuse and neglect each year. More often than not, child abuse and neglect is not reported to the system because the victims' suffering goes unreported. Abuse and neglect can happen in any home and often can happen without the parents realizing it.

According to the Department of Children & Families, [child abuse](#) is considered any actions that result in imminent risk of serious harm, death, serious physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse or exploitation of a child under 18 years old by a parent or guardian.

## Child Neglect in West Palm Beach

A family in West Palm Beach is now dealing with the [Department of Children & Families](#) after the parents and grandmother were all arrested and [charged with child neglect](#) after feeding their children too much Tylenol PM. The mother of the children, 31-year-old Mary Lorraine Phillips was released from Palm Beach County Jail today. The father, James Howard Phillips, 42, and maternal grandmother, Glenda Bledsoe, are being held at the jail in lieu of \$3,000 and \$9,000 bond respectively, according to WPTV News.

Mary is charged with three counts of cruelty towards a child. James is charged with child neglect and violation of a domestic injunction. Bledsoe is charged with two counts of cruelty toward a child and one count of child neglect.

DCF investigators report that the children (a 6-year-old boy and 5-year-old girl) were consistently given a medication at bedtime that made them tired. Further investigation revealed that Mary Phillips allegedly medicates her children often. On June 22nd, Bledsoe took her grandson to the hospital after he had a seizure the night before. The tests conducted at the hospital show that the boy had too much Tylenol PM in his system. Medical records show the boy has been unable to gain weight since he was an infant but tends to thrive under custody of a hospital or separate guardian. The children are now in DCF custody.

## Child Neglect Criminal Defense

Being [charged with child neglect or abuse](#) can be a difficult process because not only will your county police investigate you but you will also have to submit to a DCF investigation. A [criminal defense lawyer](#) can answer your questions during and after the investigation. Only a criminal defense lawyer can help protect your rights in court because the legislation created to protect children is aggressive and difficult to defend yourself again if you have been accused of harming children.

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