

## **POST FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 273**

Procedure Title: Welfare

Section Title: Child Abuse

Sub-Section No. 505.4a

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The Child Protective Act, Idaho Code 16-1601, provides that "any physician, nurse, school teacher or other person having reasonable cause to believe that a child under the age of eighteen (18) has been abused or who observes the child being subjected to conditions or circumstances which would reasonably result in abuse, shall report or cause to be reported within twenty-four (24) hours such conditions or circumstances to the proper law enforcement agency .."

1. "Abused means any case in which a child has been the victim of conduct results in skin bruising, bleeding, malnutrition, sexual molestation, burns, fracture of any bone, subdural hematoma, soft tissue swelling, failure to thrive, or death ..."
2. "Abandoned" also comes under this act and is defined as follows:  
"Abandoned means the failure of the parent to maintain a normal parental relationship with his/her child, including but not limited to, reasonable support or regular parental contact. Failure to maintain this relationship without just cause for a period of one (1) year shall constitute prima facie evidence of abandonment."

### **PROCEDURE FOR REPORTING CHILD ABUSE**

Any teacher or staff member who suspects or has reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused shall report the case to his/her principal immediately. The principal will immediately call the Child Protective Agency and shall notify the assistant superintendent of such report within twenty-four (24) hours.

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