

REPORTING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

The State of Indiana requires by law all individuals to report any case of suspected child abuse or neglect to the Department of Child Services. Such reports must be made immediately when the individual has reason to believe that a child is a victim of abuse or neglect. The law also provides legal immunity for all individuals making such a report when made in good faith.

If any school staff member has reason to believe a child has been abused or neglected, then the school staff member must immediately notify the Department of Child Services and/or local law enforcement. The staff member must notify the school principal or other designated administrator of such reporting.

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