

Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Law Policy

It is the policy of the Lynwood Unified School District, to comply with the child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Law at all levels and by all employees. Effective January 1, 1985, all school employees must acknowledge that they are aware of the provisions of Section 11166 of the California Penal Code.

Child abuse is defined as a physical injury, sexual abuse, willful cruelty, cruel or inhuman corporal punishment or injury, or severe neglect or destitution.

Section 11166 of the California Penal Code: Any child care custodian, medical practitioner, non-medical practitioner, or employee of a child protective agency who has knowledge of, or observes a child in his or her professional capacity, or within the scope of his or her employment whom he or she knows, or reasonably suspects, has been the victim of child abuse, to report the known or suspected instance of child abuse to a child protective agency and to prepare and send a written report thereof within 36 hours of receiving the information concerning the incident.

Child Care Custodian includes: teachers, administrative officers, supervisors of child welfare and attendance, or certificated pupil personnel employees of any public or private school; administrators of public or private day camp; licensed day care workers; administrators of licensing evaluators; public assistance workers; employees of child care institutions including but not limited to: foster parents; group home personnel; personnel of residential care facilities; and social workers or probation officers.

Medical Practitioner includes: physicians and surgeons, psychiatrists, psychologists, dentists, residents, interns, podiatrists, chiropractors, licensed nurses, dental hygienists, or

any other person who is licensed under Division 2 (commencing with section 500) of the Business and Professions Code.

Non-medical Practitioner includes: state or county public health employees who treat minors for venereal disease or any other conditions; coroners; paramedic; marriage, family, or child counselors; and religious practitioners who diagnose, examine, or treat children.

Under the law, an employee of the Lynwood Unified School District, who observes, or has knowledge of, child abuse, must proceed with the following:

- A. Report by telephone to the appropriate child protective agency. Provide the information indicated on the worksheet.

In case of physical abuse, sexual abuse, and/or life threatening/endangering situations call:

Lynwood Sheriff's Department

Century Station

11703 Alameda, Lynwood, CA 90262

(323) 568-4800

24-hour Child Protection Hotline

800-540-4000

Outside of CA: (213) 639-4500

TDD: 800-272-6699

Headquarter – Child Protection

425 Shatto Place, Los Angeles, CA 90013

(800) 540-4000

- B. Apprise the site administrator as soon as possible.
- C. Complete form SS 8572, Child Abuse Report (available in your school's office and online at <https://oag.ca.gov>).

1. The reporter takes the SS8572 to the site administrator who makes two copies, retains one in a confidential file, and forwards on to the central office.
2. The original SS 8572 is mailed without delay by the reporter to the same agency above, to which the telephone report was made.
3. A copy of the SS 8572 if retained by the reporter in a confidential location.

Child abuse at a school site – In the event of child abuse at a school site, or in a case involving an employee of the school District, such abuse must be reported immediately to the site administrator. The site administrator will appraise the District office immediately upon receiving information regarding any alleged abuse involving an employee of the District. Action will be taken promptly of the purpose of complying with the law.

Section 111752(b) of the California Penal Code requires that any person who fails to report an instance of child abuse, which he or she knows exists, or reasonably should know to exist, as required by the article, is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable by confinement in the county jail for a term not to exceed six months or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or by both.

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