



As per SB 571, suspicions of abuse and or neglect must be reported to CPS within 24 hours effective 9.1.2025.

<https://tea.texas.gov/texas-educators/investigations/educators-duty-to-protect-students>

Child Protective Services

If you SUSPECT abuse, report.

Remember, it is your duty and obligation to report. Confidentiality NEVER applies.



Call 1-800-252-5400

To report child/elderly abuse, neglect, human trafficking and or exploitation.
For life-threatening situations, call 911 immediately.

Online Reporting at <https://www.txabusehotline.org/>

For non-emergency situations, online reports may be submitted.

*You will be prompted to create an account if you don't have one.



Reportable Misconduct/Experiences

- Student discloses a sexual assault (regardless of time frame)
- Romantic and or sexual contact solicited or engaged with an Educator.
- Minor (17 & under) discloses they have been “kicked out” of the home.
- Pregnant Minor (age 14 and under) automatic CPS report & contact law enforcement
- Inappropriate communication with an adult and or educator.
- Grooming-Gradually building a relationship that blurs professional boundaries
- Human Trafficking must be reported to CPS & Law Enforcement 1-888-373-7888

Reminders

- Do not investigate the situation yourself. Leave it to the trained professionals.
- Thank the student for sharing and trusting you.
- When in doubt, report.
- Refrain from delegating a report. You must report your suspicions yourself.

Texas Family Code Section 261.106, which says: “A person acting in good faith who reports or assists in the investigation of a report of alleged child abuse or neglect is immune from civil or criminal liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed.”

