

Reporting suspected child abuse and neglect is mandatory for all PSD employees

Attached you will find the mandatory procedures and form for reporting suspected child abuse or neglect to the appropriate Poudre School District and county Child Protection officials.

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IMPORTANT

You, as the individual who suspects the abuse/neglect are legally responsible for making certain that the report is made to the Department of Human Services immediately.

This legal responsibility is not satisfied by merely reporting your suspicion or concern to other school personnel.

Additional Information:

1. If you have reported suspected child abuse/neglect and no action has been taken by Department of Human Services or law enforcement agency by the time school is dismissed you may:
 - a. Send the student home after consulting with the principal if the student does not appear to be in imminent danger.
 - b. If the Department of Human Services staff member or law enforcement staff are on their way, remain with the student until their arrival.
 - c. If the student is afraid to go home, refuses to go home, or is determined to be in imminent danger, call the appropriate law enforcement agency:

Fort Collins Police Services: 221-6540

Larimer County Sheriff's Office: 416-1985

2. If there is a change in placement (i.e., foster care, other facility) of the student, the Department of Human Services will notify either the school or the Director of Security and School Operations.

3. The following are the roles of each agency involved in child abuse cases:

All Poudre School District Employees: To REPORT

Larimer County Department of Human Services: To INVESTIGATE

Law Enforcement Agency: To INVESTIGATE

Larimer County District Attorney's Office: To PROSECUTE

For more information, resources, and references see the district's Child Abuse, Neglect and Child Protection manual.

For assistance with specific cases or general questions regarding child abuse, neglect and child protection issues at your site contact:

Director of Student Services: 490-3033

Email: careports@psdschools.org

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