

JLF - REPORTING CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT

Category R

All school employees having reason to suspect that a child has been abused or neglected shall submit a report to the Department of Health and Human Services. In accord with RSA 169-C:32, the psychologist-patient privilege shall not constitute grounds for failure to report abuse or neglect.

An oral report shall be made immediately by telephone and followed within 48 hours by a report in writing, if so requested, by the Department of Health and Human Services. Such report shall, if known, contain the name and address of the child suspected of being neglected or abused and the person responsible for the child's welfare, the specific information indicating neglect or the nature and extent of the child's injuries (including any evidence of previous injuries), the identity of the person or persons suspected of being responsible for such neglect or abuse, and any other information that might be helpful in establishing neglect or abuse or that may be required by the Department of Health and Human Services.

The individual making the report shall simultaneously inform the school Principal that the report has been made. The Principal shall promptly inform the Superintendent that a report has been made.

Anyone who, in good faith, makes a report shall be immune from any liability.

Statutory References:

RSA 169-C:29, Persons Required to Report

RSA 169-C:30, Nature and Content of Report

RSA 169-C:31, Immunity from Liability

RSA 169-C:34, III, Duties of the Department of Health and Human Services

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