

## CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTS

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: Mandatory Reporting

School personnel are required by Vermont law to report suspected abuse or neglect to the Department for Children and Families (DCF). Suspected child abuse/neglect shall be reported within 24 hours.

### AUTHORIZATION/LEGAL REFERENCE:

33 V.S.A. Chapter 49, Child welfare services

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/sections.cfm?Title=33&Chapter=049>

Educator Reporting Requirements

[http://education.vermont.gov/new/pdfdoc/pubs/educ\\_educator\\_reporting\\_requirements.pdf](http://education.vermont.gov/new/pdfdoc/pubs/educ_educator_reporting_requirements.pdf)

### REQUIRED SCHOOL NURSE/ASSOCIATE SCHOOL NURSE ROLES:

- Follow Vermont law about reporting and documenting suspected abuse or neglect.
- Document findings according to best practice (see documentation section).
- Become familiar with Vermont Child Abuse Reporting Law and school policy and procedure.

### SUGGESTED SCHOOL NURSE/ASSOCIATE SCHOOL NURSE ROLES:

- Assist the administration in the development and implementation of the school abuse/neglect policies.
- Become a member of the school or community Child Protection Team.
- Advocate and act as a resource for school faculty and staff.
- Collaborate with school staff regarding obligation to report and remind yearly.

### RESOURCES:

Vermont Department for Children and Families - <http://dcf.vermont.gov/>

Vermont Child Protection Line; to report child abuse or neglect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week  
call: 1-800-649-5285

Vermont Standards of Practice; School Health Services



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**SAMPLE POLICES, PROCEDURES, AND FORMS**

Vermont DCF Child Abuse Reporting Form .

[http://dcf.vermont.gov/sites/dcf/files/pdf/fsd/305\\_Rpt\\_of\\_Suspected\\_CAN\\_1.pdf](http://dcf.vermont.gov/sites/dcf/files/pdf/fsd/305_Rpt_of_Suspected_CAN_1.pdf)

Vermont Department of Family Services on line resources

[http://dcf.vermont.gov/fsd/reporting\\_child\\_abuse](http://dcf.vermont.gov/fsd/reporting_child_abuse)

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