

DIOCESE OF SPOKANE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE IN DIOCESE OF SPOKANE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS *(Required by law on all cases of children under 18 years or mentally retarded where physically or sexually abused)*

FAILURE TO REPORT IS A GROSS MISDEMEANOR (RCW 26.44.080)

School Personnel, as well as others attending children and having reasonable cause to believe injuries are other than accidental, or that children are suffering physical neglect or sexual abuse MUST report to the Department of Social and Health Services or law enforcement. There are NO exceptions. It is not discretionary and cannot be delegated or excused nor is permission required from anyone. If personnel are not attending children, but have cause to believe there is an abuse situation, it must be reported directly to the Department of Social and Health Services or law enforcement. Immunity is granted by law against any civil liability. The law permits photographing and interviewing of the child to provide evidence of physical condition by the Department of Social and Health Services (Child Protective Services) or law enforcement agency; parental permission is NOT required.

PROCEDURE:

- (1) School personnel should make an immediate oral report to the Department of Social and Health Services, 363-3333 (Child Protective Services). If unable to contact this department, make an immediate oral report to law enforcement, 456-2233, and no later than 48 hours (RCW 26.44.030).
- (2) School personnel MUST complete this form and mail white and canary copies to Diocesan School Office. Keep the pink copy for your files.

Name of Child	Grade	Address	Birthdate
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Name of Parents/Stepparents, Guardian	Address	Phone
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Nature of Child's Injuries: Physical Neglect, Abuse, Sexual Abuse, Emotional Abuse

Evidence of Previous Injuries	Nature of Event
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Other Information As To Cause -Identity of Perpetrators, Time Lapsed, etc. (Use extra sheet if necessary)

Reported by: _____
Title School

Date: _____ Date of Report to C.P.S.: _____