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REPORTING CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT

Any Oyster River Cooperative school employee having reason to suspect that a child is being or has been abused or neglected shall immediately report his/her suspicions to the building principal. The principal shall then immediately notify the appropriate state officials at the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services. The principal will then notify the Superintendent that such a report to Health and Human Services has been made.

A written report shall be made by the principal within 24 hours. The report should contain the name and address of the child suspected of being abused or neglected, the person responsible for the child's welfare, the specific information indicating neglect/abuse 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 Board recommends all school district employees receive routine training or information on how to identify child abuse and neglect.

Legal References:

- NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 306.04(a)(10), Reporting of Suspected Abuse or Neglect
- 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