

**TEHAMA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF EMPLOYEE'S KNOWLEDGE OF CHILD ABUSE  
REPORTING OBLIGATIONS**

Section 11166 of the Penal Code requires any child care custodian, medical practitioner, non-medical practitioner, or employee of a child protective agency who has knowledge of or observes a child (a person under the age of 18 years) in his or her profession capacity who he or she knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse to report the known or suspected instance of child abuse to a child protection agency immediately or as soon as possible, by telephone and to prepare and send a written report thereof within 36 hours of receiving the information concerning the incident.

"Child abuse" means a physical injury which is inflicted by other than accidental means on a child by another person. It includes the sexual assault of a child (i.e., rape, sexual exploitation, incest, sodomy, oral copulation, penetration of a genital or anal opening by a foreign object or other acts of child molestation). "Child abuse" also include willful cruelty, unjustifiable punishment or corporal punishment resulting in trauma, medical neglect, the infliction of mental suffering and neglect.

The report must be made whenever there is "reasonable suspicion" that child abuse has occurred. "Reasonable suspicion" means that it is objectively reasonable for a person to entertain such a suspicion, based upon facts that could cause a reasonable person in a like position, drawing when appropriate on his or her training and experience, to suspect child abuse.

The telephonic report of child abuse shall be made to Children's Protective Services at (530) 527-1911 (day) or 1-800-323-7711 (night) or to the law enforcement agency in your jurisdiction. The report shall be made immediately or as soon as possible. The written report shall be directed to: Children's Protective Services, Tehama County Department of Social Services, P.O. Box 1515, Red Bluff, California 96080.

I have read the foregoing and I understand my responsibility to report child abuse.

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Employee's Signature

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Date

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Assignment