

Child Abuse Prevention



Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services Child Protective Services

REPORT ABUSE:

If the child is in immediate danger you must call to report.

Call **HOTLINE:**

1-800-252-5400

Answered 24 hours a day

Online: www.txabusehotline.org

This is for non-emergency reporting. You will need to create an account.

Remember:

1. Contact your administrator
2. Record the case number
3. Print a copy before you submit
4. Submit original to the Director of Nursing



Types of Abuse/Neglect

Abuse:

- Physical
- Emotional
- Sexual

Neglect:

- Physical neglect
- Medical neglect
- Neglectful supervision
- Abandonment
- Refusal to accept parental responsibility

When Do I Have to Report?

- If a child reports abuse to you or if you suspect abuse, **YOU** are legally required to report it.
- You have **48 hours to report**, once the child has disclosed.
- A person who has cause to make a report, but knowingly fails to do so, commits a criminal offense. It is a Class A misdemeanor which includes a fine and up to 6 months in jail.

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It is NOT your job to investigate.

Your campus counselor is available to assist you with submitting a report but cannot submit it for you.



If you suspect abuse...

- **REMAIN** calm and reassure the child.
- **DO NOT** ask suggestive questions (Did your ...?)
- **DO NOT** investigate.
- **DO NOT** confront the abuser.
- **DO NOT** have preconceived assumptions.
- **DO** report your suspicion.

If you make a report, in good faith, and it's unsubstantiated, you will not be in trouble.