

Mandatory Reporter Protocol

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If you suspect or become aware of any child abuse, neglect, or sexual assault, you must report it.

- 1. Contact Public Safety (402.554.2648) to report the situation. Give as much information as possible.
- 2. Notify your Camp Director of the situation. Let the Camp Director know you contacted Public Safety.
- 3. Public Safety will provide you guidance for any follow-up steps.

Reminders:

You are immune from any civil or criminal liability if you have reported the information in good faith.

If you know of child abuse, neglect, or sexual assault but are not reporting it, you are breaking the law.

Nebraska Statutes

Nebraska Revised Statute 28-710- (b): Child abuse or neglect means knowingly, intentionally, or negligently causing or permitting a minor child to be:

- i. Placed in a situation that endangers his or her life or physical or mental health
- ii. Cruelly confined or cruelly punished
- iii. Deprived of necessary food, clothing, shelter, or care
- iv. Left unattended in a motor vehicle if such minor child is six years of age or younger
- v. Sexually abused
- vi. Sexually exploited by allowing, encouraging, or forcing such person to solicit for or engage in prostitution, debauchery, public indecency, or obscene or pornographic photography, films, or depictions

Nebraska Revised Statute 28-711- (Summary): (1) When any physician, medical institution, nurse, school employee, social workers, or any other person has reasonable cause to believe that a youth has been subjected to abuse or neglect or observes such youth being subjected to conditions or circumstances which reasonably would result in abuse or neglect, he or she shall report such incident or cause a report to be made to the proper law enforcement agency, the local Department of Health and Human Services or by calling the statewide hotline number at 1.800.652.1999.

Nebraska Revised Statute 28-716- (Summary): Persons participating in an investigation or making a report of youth abuse or neglect shall be immune from any liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed, except for maliciously false statements.

Nebraska Revised Statute 28-717- (Summary): Any person who willfully fails to make any report required by the law shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor.