

Mandatory Reporter: Child and Dependent Adult Abuse Reporting

In compliance with state law and to provide protection to victims of child or dependent adult abuse, the board believes incidents of alleged child or dependent adult abuse should be reported to the proper authorities. Employees are encouraged, and licensed employees are required as mandatory reporters, to report alleged incidents of child or dependent adult abuse they become aware of within the scope of their professional duties.

When a mandatory reporter suspects a student is the victim of child or dependent adult abuse, the mandatory reporter will orally or in writing notify the Iowa Department of Human Services. If the mandatory reporter believes the child or dependent adult is in immediate danger, the local law enforcement agency will also be notified. Within forty-eight hours of the oral report, the mandatory reporter will file a written report with the Iowa Department of Human Services.

Within six months of their initial employment, mandatory reporters will take a two-hour training course involving the identification and reporting of child or dependent adult abuse, or submit evidence they've taken the course within the previous three (3) years. The course will be re-taken at least every three (3) years.

NOTE: This policy reflects the current status of Iowa law regarding child or dependent adult abuse reporting. For more information, please go to the Iowa Department of Human Services Website at dhs.iowa.gov

Report Suspected Abuse and/or Fraud at dhs.iowa.gov/report-abuse-and-fraud

Report Suspected Dependent Adult Abuse at dhs.iowa.gov/dependent_adult_abuse

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§232.67-.77; 232A; 235A; 280.17 (2009)
441 I.A.C. 9.2; 155; 175
1982 Op. Att'y Gen. 390, 417.
1980 Op. Att'y Gen. 275

Cross Reference: 402.3 Abuse of Students by School District Employees
502.9 Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies
507 Student Health and Well-Being

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