

BARNSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT Reporting Child Abuse or Neglect

Per New Hampshire RSA 169c 169-C:29, it is mandatory for anyone/everyone to report child abuse and/or neglect if there is a reason to suspect that a child has been abused.

Any Barnstead 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 Division of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF). The second notification is to the school Principal letting him/her know that a report has been made.

The Principal will then notify the Superintendent that such a report to Health and Human Services, Division of Children, Youth, and Families has been made.

An oral report shall be made immediately by telephone and followed within 48 hours by a report in writing to the Principal (using Policy form JLF-R) 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

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