



CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE

800-25-ABUSE (800-252-2873)
TTY 1-800-358-5117

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MANDATED REPORTER STATUS

I understand that my employment with Mundelein High School District 120 makes me a mandated reporter under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (325 ILCS 5/4). This means that I am required to report or cause a report to be made to the child abuse Hotline whenever I have reasonable cause to believe that a child known to me in my professional or official capacity may be abused or neglected. I understand that there is no charge when calling the Hotline number and that the Hotline operates 24-hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year.

I further understand that any privileged quality of communication between me and a student is not grounds for failure to report suspected child abuse or neglect. I know that if I willingly fail to report suspected child abuse or neglect, I may be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. I also understand that if I am subject to professional licensing regulated by the State of Illinois, I may be subject to license suspension or revocation if I willfully fail to report suspected child abuse and neglect.

Child abuse is the mistreatment of a child under the age of 18 by:

- A parent or their romantic partner;
- An immediate relative or someone living in their home;
- A caretaker such as a babysitter or daycare worker; or
- Any person responsible for the child's welfare, such as a health care provider, educator, coach or youth program volunteer.

The mistreatment can either result in injury or put the child at serious risk of injury. Child abuse can be physical (i.e. bruises or broken bones), sexual (i.e. fondling or incest), or mental (emotional injury or psychological illness).

Neglect is the failure of a parent or caretaker to meet "minimal parenting" standards for providing adequate supervision, food, clothing, medical care, shelter or other basic needs.

EMPLOYEE NAME

DATE

Call the 24-hour Child Abuse Hotline at 800-25-ABUSE (800-252-2873) or TTY 1-800-358-5117 if you suspect that a child has been harmed or is at risk of being harmed by abuse or neglect.
If you believe a child is in immediate danger of harm, call 911 first.