



Mandatory Law Enforcement Reporting

Pursuant to *F.S. 1006.13*, Zero Tolerance for Crime and Victimization and *F.S. 39.201*, Mandatory Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse, Abandonment, and Neglect to the DCF Hotline:

Each school district shall ensure that felonies and violent misdemeanors, whether committed by a student or adult are **reported to law enforcement**. In addition, any person who knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect, that a child is abused, abandoned, or neglected by a parent, legal custodian, caregiver, or any person responsible for the child's welfare shall report immediately such knowledge or suspicion to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) at **1-800-96-ABUSE**

Once you have reasonable cause to believe that a felony, violent misdemeanor, abuse, neglect, or abandonment has been committed against a child:

- Discontinue the questioning of anyone involved
- Do not investigate the allegation any further
- Implement reporting procedures
- Allow the proper authorities to conduct the investigation

Reporting Procedures:

If you have reasonable cause to believe that a child has been the victim of any felony and/or violent misdemeanor, abuse, abandonment, or neglect immediately contact:

- Department of Children and Families
- Law Enforcement
- Your supervisor
- The Office of Professional Standards, if there is an allegation against a Volusia County School's employee.

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