

Child Abuse & Neglect
Mandated Reporting Procedures
For
State Law Required Mandated Reporters
In Ventura County Call (805) 654-3200



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Child Abuse Prevention Coalition
(805) 654-3200

VENTURA MANDATED REPORTERS

If you suspect child abuse or neglect, **YOU MUST ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES:**

1. Immediately call Child Welfare Services at:
(805) 654-3200 (800) 754-7600 Emergency
Ventura County Abuse Toll Free call 9-1-1
Reporting Hotline
2. Complete and file a **Suspected Child Abuse Report**, Form #SS8572, located at www.partnershipforsafefamilies.org
3. Retain a legible copy of the SCAR Report.
4. ~~YOU~~ are responsible for making this report. **DO NOT ALLOW** your supervisor/principal to make the report for you or assume because another co-worker has some of the same information that they will make the report.
5. Do not attempt to investigate, conduct interviews or interfere with the information you hold.
6. Remember that you are to report **SUSPECTED** abuse - you are not required to have witnessed or have complete proof of the incident. You are obligated by law to report what you observe or what you are told that caused suspicion the child is being physically, sexually or emotionally abused or neglected. When in doubt, call CWS or law enforcement and get their input about the scope of your report.