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CHILD AND DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE OR NEGLECT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

California law requires that school employees who fall within certain statutorily defined categories be familiar with the laws relating to abuse or neglect of children and dependent adult reporting requirements.

The Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act also specifies that employers provide their employees who are mandated reporters with training in the duties imposed, including training in child and dependent adult abuse and neglect identification and training in child and dependent adult abuse and neglect reporting within the first six weeks of each school year or within the first six weeks of the person's employment. (Education Code, Section 44691)

Section 11166 of the Penal Code and Section 15630 of the Welfare and Institution Code require any child and dependent adult care custodian, medical practitioner, nonmedical practitioner, employee of a child protective agency, child visitation monitor, firefighter, animal control officer, Humane Society officer, commercial film and photographic print processor, or clergy who has knowledge of or observes a child in his or her professional capacity or within the scope of his or her employment whom he or she knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of abuse to report such known or suspected instance to a child protective agency or adult protective agency respectively immediately or as soon as practically possible by telephone and to prepare and send a written report thereof within 36 hours of receiving the information concerning the incident. For purposes of the reporting law, educators and other school employees fall into the categories of childcare custodian and health care practitioners.

On the Marin County Office of Education website, within the ["Substitute Registration Packet Resources"](#) is a copy of Penal Code Section 11166 and Welfare and Institution Code, Section 15630, which explain the procedures for reporting.

By registering or reactivating on the countywide substitute list, you agree that you have read and agree to comply with the "Mandatory Reporting: 10 Things You Need to Know", which includes Penal Code Section 11166 and Welfare and Institution Code Section 15630.