

School personnel knowing or suspecting that a child is abused or neglected shall follow procedures promulgated by the superintendent to report the matter immediately to the appropriate law enforcement agency and/or child protective services agency.

Persons failing, neglecting, or refusing to report, are guilty of a misdemeanor. (32-1-15 NMSA 1978)

It is recommended that the child's school principal be informed of any reports made.

Per New Mexico law, any person(s) who, in good faith, participates in making such reports or in any judicial proceeding resulting there from, shall be immune from civil or criminal liability.

Following any required procedures for verification of identify and/or purpose, school personnel shall permit a member of a law enforcement agency or an employee of the child protective services agency to interview the child with respect to a report without the permission of his/her parent, guardian or custodian.