

Acknowledgement of Child Abuse Reporting Responsibilities

I hereby attest that I understand my obligation to report reasonably suspected instances of child abuse as required by Penal Code Section 11166 and will fulfill this obligation.

Section 11166 of the Penal Code requires any child care custodian, medical practitioner, nonmedical practitioner, or employee of a child protective agency who has knowledge of or observes a child in his or her professional capacity or with the scope of his or her employment whom he or she knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of a child abuse to report the known or suspected instance of child abuse to a child protective agency 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.

“Child care custodian” includes teachers, administrative officers, supervisors of child welfare and attendance, or certified pupil personnel employees of any public or private schools; administrators of a public or private day camp; licensed day care workers; administrators of community care facilities licensed to care for children; headstart teachers; licensing workers or licensing evaluators; public assistance workers; employees of a child care institution, including, but not limited to, foster parents, group home personnel, and personnel of residential care facilities; and social workers or probation officers.

“Medical practitioner” includes physicians and surgeons, psychiatrists, psychologists, dentists, residents, interns, podiatrists, chiropractor, licensed nurses, dental hygienists, or any other person who is licensed under Division 2 (commencing with Section 500) of the Business and Profession Code.

“Nonmedical practitioner” includes state or county health employees who treat minors for venereal disease or any other condition; coroners; marriage, family or child counselors; and religious practitioners who diagnose, examine, or treat children.

Such reports are made to the Kern County Department of Human Services Family Preservation Bureau-Child Welfare Services Unit, 631-6001, or to the appropriate law enforcement office.