



11.5 Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect

WHAT TO DO IF YOU THINK A CHILD IS BEING ABUSED OR NEGLECTED...

If you think a child or youth under the age of 19 is being abused or neglected, you have the legal duty to report your concern to your local child welfare worker at a Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Call 1-800-663-9122. This line is available 24 hours a day.

You can also call the Helpline for Children at **310-1234** at any time of the day or night. The Helpline call is free. You do not need an area code and you do not have to give your name.

If the child is in immediate danger, call 9-1-1

RESOURCES

All school principals and counselling offices must have copies of:

- [The BC Handbook for Action on Child Abuse and Neglect - For Service Providers](#)
- [Responding to Child Welfare Concerns - Your Role in Knowing When and What to Report](#)

REFERENCES

For information on School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake)'s Policy and Administrative Procedures regarding child abuse and neglect, please refer to the following links.

Administrative Procedure

[AP 3304 - Child Abuse and Neglect](#)