



TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURE

NWOSSC 121

SECTION 100 GENERAL

121 DUTY TO REPORT

Statement and Rationale

Under the Child and Family Services Act, if a Bus Driver, Operator or Consortium Staff has reasonable grounds to suspect that a child is or may be in need of protection, it is their duty to report to the appropriate Children's Aid Society.

Procedure

Report the suspicion and the information upon which it is based directly to an appropriate Children's Aid Society (CAS).

To locate the appropriate CAS, visit

<http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/childrensaidthereportingabuse/CASLocations.aspx>

Drivers, Bus Operators and Consortium staff have a duty to report only. The appropriate CAS will determine if investigation or action is required. Examples of the situations that must be reported are set out below.

- i) The child has suffered, or there is a risk that the child is likely to suffer, physical harm, inflicted by the person having charge of the child.
- ii) The child has been, or there is a risk that the child is likely to be sexually molested or sexually exploited, by the person having charge of the child or by another person where the person having charge of the child knows or should know of the possibility of sexual molestation or sexual exploitation and fails to protect the child.
- iii) The child requires medical treatment to cure, prevent or alleviate physical harm or suffering and the child's parent or the person having charge of the child does not provide, or refuses or is unavailable or unable to consent to, the treatment.
- iv) The child has suffered emotional harm, demonstrated by serious anxiety, depression, withdrawal, self-destructive or aggressive behaviour, or delayed

development, and there are reasonable grounds to believe that the emotional harm suffered by the child results from the actions, failure to act or pattern of neglect on the part of the child's parent or the person having charge of the child.

- v) The child is less than 12 years old and has on more than one occasion injured another person or caused loss or damage to another person's property, with the encouragement of the person having charge of the child or because of that person's failure or inability to supervise the child adequately.

The Northwestern Ontario Student Services Consortium may be notified that a situation has been reported. It is not necessary for any further information to be shared with the Consortium.

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Associated Policies/Procedures	
References	Internal Procedure