

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO HAVE

RCW 26.44.030 – Reports, Duty and authority to make

When any practitioner, county coroner or medical examiner, law enforcement officer, professional school personnel, registered or licensed nurse, social service counselor, psychologist, pharmacist, licensed or certified child care providers or employees, employee of the department, juvenile probation office or state family and children’s ombudsman or any volunteer in the ombudsman’s office has reasonable cause to believe that a child or adult dependent or developmentally disabled person has suffered abuse or negligence, he or she shall report such incident, or cause a report to be made, to the proper law enforcement agency or to the department as provided in RCW 26.44.04. The report shall be made at the first opportunity, but in no case longer than forty-eight hours after there is reasonable cause to believe that the child or adult has suffered abuse or neglect. The report shall include the identity of the accused if known.

RCW 28A.400.317 – Physical abuse or sexual misconduct by school employees – Duty to report – Training.

(1) A certificated or classified school employee who has knowledge or reasonable cause to believe that a student has been a victim of physical abuse or sexual misconduct by another school employee, shall report such abuse or misconduct to the appropriate school administrator. The school administrator shall cause a report to be made to the proper law enforcement agency if he or she has reasonable cause to believe that the misconduct or abuse has occurred as required under RCW [26.44.030](#). During the process of making a reasonable cause determination, the school administrator shall contact all parties involved in the complaint.

(2) Certificated and classified school employees shall receive training regarding their reporting obligations under state law in their orientation training when hired and then every three years thereafter. The training required under this subsection shall take place within existing training programs and related resources.

(3) Nothing in this section changes any of the duties established under RCW [26.44.030](#).

RCW 26.44.032 – Legal Defense of Public Employee

In cases in which a public employee, subject to RCW 26.44.030, acts in good faith and without gross negligence in his or her reporting duty, and if the employee’s judgment as to what constitutes reasonable cause to believe that a child or adult dependent or developmentally disabled person has suffered abuse or neglect is being challenged, the public employer shall provide for the legal defense of the employee.

I have read and understand the above information regarding a school employee’s duty to report.

Full Name (print)

Signature

Date