

REPORT CHILD



ABUSE



Each year, thousands of children are subjected to child abuse, which can take the form of physical or sexual abuse, neglect, abandonment, or mental injury. Under Florida law, anyone who suspects that a child is abused or neglected has the responsibility to report it.

IF YOU HAVE SUSPICION OR KNOWLEDGE OF CHILD ABUSE, YOU MUST REPORT. IT'S THE LAW!

CALL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

TELEPHONE

1-800-96-ABUSE
(1-800-962-2873)

TTY

1-800-955-8771

ONLINE: <https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/abuse-hotline/report-online.shtml>

EXAMPLES OF CHILD ABUSE

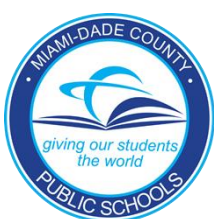
**Physical
Injury**

**Mental
Injury**

Neglect

**Sexual
Abuse**

Abandonment



All School Board Employees are mandated reporters and **MUST** adhere to the procedures outlined in School Board Policy 8462 – Student Abuse, Abandonment, and Neglect on how to report child abuse. Any person who is required to report known or suspected child abuse, abandonment, or neglect and who knowingly and willfully fails to do so, or who knowingly and willfully prevents another person from doing so, is guilty of a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in F.S. 775.082, 775.083, or 775.084.

School Board employees have immunity from liability if they report such cases in good faith; and have a duty to comply with child protective investigations and all other provisions of law relating to child abuse, abandonment, and neglect.

School Board Policy 8462 – Student Abuse, Abandonment, and Neglect

Additional definitions of child abuse can be found in F.S. 39.01.