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Child Protective Services (CPS) Phone: _____	Fax: _____
Sheriff's Department Phone: _____	Fax: _____



Immediately contact by phone your local police, Child Protective Services (CPS) or sheriff's department and report the suspected abuse or neglect.



Within 36 hours of phoning law enforcement, a written report must be sent, faxed or submitted electronically to your local Police, CPS or Sheriff's department. The report should be completed on a state form, which can be downloaded at http://ag.ca.gov/childabuse/pdf/ss_8572.pdf. The form also is available in the school principal's office and at district headquarters. The form should be faxed to the same agency that received your phone report. Save the fax confirmation sheet with the written report.

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