



NEPN Code: JLF/STI

**Policies and Regulations**

**Students**

**Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection**

Southeast Technical Institute recognizes the incidence of child abuse and neglect among children and youth. Abuse and neglect may have a serious effect on the education of children and youth. STI urges that reasonable steps to deal with the problem be taken by Southeast professional staff members.

South Dakota Codified Law mandates that school personnel having reasonable cause to suspect that any child, under the age of 18 years, has received physical or emotional injury or injuries as the result of abuse or intentional neglect shall report or cause reports to be made in accordance with the provisions of the statute.

The law states that reports shall be made orally and immediately with the provision that any person participating in good faith in making a report or in providing protective services under this act is immune from any liability, civil or criminal, that otherwise might result. Failure to report is a misdemeanor.

A report may be made either to the Department of Social Services, the Office of the State's Attorney, or the Police Department.

Legal References:  
SDCL 26-8A through 26-9

**RELATED POLICIES**

- KLC/STI – KLC-R/STI – Relations with Social Service Agencies/Investigating Child Abuse
- KLG/STI – KLG-R/STI – Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities

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