

BEST PRACTICE RESOURCE SAMPLE

Requirement to Report Suspected Abuse or Neglect

As a citizen of British Columbia, I am required to report any suspicion of child neglect or abuse to the Ministry for Children and Family Development. I will report any abuse I suspect, that a child discloses to me or that a third party discloses to me.

It is not my responsibility to investigate or question the circumstances of the suspected abuse. I will not inform you or anyone else of my suspicions and subsequent report to the Ministry.

It is the Ministry's responsibility to investigate any report and to inform all those involved of their investigation.

The health and well-being of the children is my first concern.