

DUTY TO REPORT POLICY

POLICY OVERVIEW

The duty to report policy describes our legal obligation to report any suspicions of child abuse and neglect. A child refers to anyone under the age of 19.

KEY INFORMATION

1. **We are legally obligated to report abuse and neglect:** If we believe that a child has been or is likely to be physically harmed, sexually abused or exploited, emotionally harmed, or neglected we must report it to a child protection worker right away (even if it may have already been reported).
2. **Duty to report applies to everyone:** Under the *Child, Family and Community Service Act* service providers, family members, and the public must report suspicions of child abuse and neglect. This helps ensure that all members of the community are looking out for children.
3. **Your safety is our priority:** Our Duty to Report always takes priority over our Confidentiality Policy. Even if you share something with us in confidence, we must report it if someone may be in danger.