

# Mandated Reporters in Schools: Overview and Current Trends

## Mandated Reporter Training for School Personnel

Assembly Bill 1432 and *Education Code* Section 44691 require school districts, county offices of education (COEs), charter schools, state special schools, and California Department of Education (CDE) diagnostic centers to provide annual training to their employees in child abuse detection and mandated reporting obligation under the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act.

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- Persons required to receive training are provided the training.
- Provide proof of completing the training.
  - within the first six weeks of each school year
  - within the first six weeks of that person's employment

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Failure to report an incident of known or reasonably suspected child abuse or neglect, as required by Section 11166 of the Penal Code, is a misdemeanor or punishable by up to six months confinement in a county jail, or by a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both that imprisonment and fine.

# When to report

- Mandated Reporters must report suspected or known child abuse or neglect.
- Mandated Reporter must also submit a completed **Form 8572-Suspected Child Abuse Report**.



Mandated Reporter duty is an individual duty.

The duty to ensure that a child abuse report is made to the Hotline rests with the individual mandated reporter.



# Trends and Patterns

- Before COVID-19
- During Campus Closures
- Return to campus and in-person instruction

