



policy on abuse and neglect

It is a crime for any person to cause any physical injury or harm to a child or incompetent adult even if that person is a member or former member of your family or household. The state of Texas requires all adults to report suspected child abuse.

It is the policy of Cook Children's Home Health to report suspected, reported or observed abuse, neglect or exploitation of children or incompetent adults. Healthcare workers have a special obligation to make these reports.

General Information

You may report family violence to a law enforcement officer by calling the following numbers:

For emergency: dial 9-1-1.

For non-emergency situations: dial your local police department.

or

Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400

If you feel you are going to be in danger as a result of reporting, you have the right to:

Call the District Attorney's office and file a complaint against the person making you feel unsafe.

A court order can be obtained that:

1. prohibits the abuser from committing further acts of violence;
2. prohibits the abuser from threatening, harassing, or contacting you at home;
3. directs the abuser to leave your household; and/or
4. protect children or any property.

The following shelters or organizations may be contacted to assist you:

Johnson County Family Crisis Center	(817) 641-2343 (Cleburne)
	(817) 558-7171 (Metro)
	(817) 641-2332 (Hotline)
	(800) 848-3206 (Hotline)
Open Arms Home Program	(817) 281-1204 (N. Richland Hills)
Community Enrichment Center	(817) 281-1164 (N. Richland Hills)
Safe Haven for Tarrant County	(817) 535-6462
	(877) 701-7233 (Hotline)

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