

Child Protective Services: Intake

2103.20 Referrals to Law Enforcement

Requirement

Immediately notify law enforcement of all reports containing allegations or evidence of child abuse, including **all** reports screened out as inappropriate for CPS intervention (O.C.G.A. 19-7-5).

Procedures/Practice Issues

Immediate means at that moment. Arrange for the immediate transmission of reports to the appropriate police authority or district attorney. This step may be included in the local child abuse protocol.

Document on Form 453 (Child Abuse/Neglect Intake Worksheet) every report verbally given to law enforcement, recording the date and time of the call and the name of the person who receives the call. Telephone reports to law enforcement require an immediate written follow-up. Document the date of the written referral to law enforcement on the CPS log.