

SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE
HUMAN RESOURCES

STATUTORY STATEMENT ON CHILD ABUSE

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Section 11166 of the Penal Code requires that any child care custodian, medical practitioner, non-medical practitioner, or employee of a child protective agency who has knowledge of or observes a child in his or her professional capacity or within the scope of his or her employment whom he or she knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of a child abuse to report the known or suspected instances of child abuse to a child protective agency immediately or as soon as practically possibly by telephone and to prepare and send a written report thereof within 36 hours of receiving the information concerning the incident.

SEC 3. Section 11172 of the Penal Code is amended to read: (a) No child care custodian, medical practitioner, non-medical practitioner, or employee of a child protective agency who reports a known or suspected instance of child abuse shall be civil or criminally liable for any report required or authorized by this article. Any other person reporting a known or suspected instance of child abuse shall not incur civil or criminal liability as a result of any report authorized by this article unless it can be proven that a false report was made and the person knows that the report was false.

Section 11172 (b) Any person who fails to report an instance of child abuse which he or she knows to exist or reasonably should know to exist, as required by this article is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable by confinement in the county jail for a term not to exceed six months or by a fine not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or by both.

Section 11172 (c) Any child care custodian, medical practitioner, non-medical practitioner, or employee of a child protective agency who pursuant to a request from a child protection agency provides the requesting agency with access to the victim of a known or suspected instance of child abuse shall not incur civil or criminal liability as a result of providing such access.

The Child Abuse Act has been amended by Section 1116.5 of the Penal Code to require that certain categories of employees hired after January 1, 1985 must as a condition of employment, sign a statutorily prescribed statement. This statement must be furnished by the employers of any "medical practitioners", "child care custodians", or "non-medical practitioners".

The signed statements shall be retained by the employer. The cost of printing, distribution, and filing of these statements shall be borne by the employer.

I have read the content of the law as written on this page and understand and accept my responsibility as an employee of the Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Date _____ Signature _____

Print Your Name _____

Location: Pine Springs Ranch Summer Camp and Conference Center