



POLICY OF THE MONTH

Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse, Abandonment and Neglect

April is “National Child Abuse Awareness Month.” The State of Florida and Florida International University recognize and place a high emphasis on the importance of protecting minors who visit our campuses or participate in University sponsored events.

To assist you in reporting any instances of known or suspected child abuse, abandonment or neglect, the University has developed a policy on the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse, Abandonment and Neglect that sets forth the reporting requirements.

You may view the policy by clicking on the link provided below:

http://policies.fiu.edu/record_profile.php?id=785&s=mandatory



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*All University Faculty, Staff, Students and Volunteers
University Administrators and University Police Department*

SUBJECT (R*)	EFFECTIVE DATE (R*)	POLICY NUMBER (O*)
MANDATORY REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE, ABANDONMENT AND NEGLECT	June 8, 2013	140.130

POLICY STATEMENT (R*)

General Child Abuse, Abandonment and Neglect Reporting Obligations

The provisions of this policy apply to all Florida International University (FIU) faculty, staff, students and volunteers. This policy implements the mandatory reporting obligations in Florida law regarding child abuse, abandonment and neglect.

In the State of Florida, any person who knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect, that a child is abused, abandoned or neglected must immediately report this information to the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) in order that no harm comes to the child.

In the course of their employment, research, service and/or academic endeavors, all FIU faculty, staff, students and volunteers are expected to report instances of child abuse, abandonment and neglect which they know of or have reasonable cause to suspect. FIU strives to create an environment where anyone who knows of, or has reasonable cause to suspect, child abuse, abandonment or neglect feels empowered to report it without any fear of retaliation.

Additionally, any person who knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect, that a child is the victim of childhood sexual abuse or the victim of a known or suspected sexually violent offender must immediately report the information to the DCF.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of University Compliance & Integrity.

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