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CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Minnesota Statutes, Section 626.556 defines neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse and report as follows:

Neglect means failure by a person responsible for a child's care to supply a child with necessary food, clothing, shelter, or medical care when reasonably able to do so or failure to protect a child from conditions or actions which imminently and seriously endanger the child's physical or mental health when reasonably able to do so. Nothing in this section shall be construed to mean that a child is neglected solely because the child's parent, guardian or other person responsible for his care in good faith selects and depends upon spiritual means or prayer for treatment or care of disease or remedial care of the child, or impose upon persons, not otherwise legally responsible for providing a child with necessary food, clothing, shelter or medical care, a duty to provide that care.

Physical Abuse

Physical abuse means 1) Any physical injury inflicted by a person responsible for the child's care on a child other than by accidental means; or 2) any physical injury that cannot reasonably be explained by the child's history of injuries.

Sexual Abuse

Sexual abuse means the subjection by a person responsible for the child's care, to any act which constitutes a violation of sections 609.342, 609.343, 609.344, or 609.345, or sections 609.364 to 609.3644. Sexual abuse also includes any act which involves a minor which constitutes a violation of sections 609.321 to 609.324 or 617.246.

Report means any report received by the local welfare agency, police department or county sheriff pursuant to this law.

"Person responsible for the child's care" means a parent, guardian, teacher, school administrator, or other lawful custodian of a child having either full-time or short-term care responsibilities including, but not limited to, day care, baby sitting, counseling, teaching, and coaching.

CROSS REFERENCES:

LEGAL REFERENCES: