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(A)   Ohio law requires certain individuals to report child abuse, whenever they have reasonable suspicion. However, any person may report child abuse if they have reasonable suspicion that a child has been abused.

(B)   With very limited exception, section 2151.421 of the Revised Code makes the reporting of known or suspected child abuse or neglect mandatory for hospitals, clinics, medical professionals, teachers, school officials, law enforcement officials, social workers, daycare workers, mental health professionals, members of the clergy, and any other person called upon to render aid or medical assistance to a child. Certain university employees (e.g. medical professionals, mental health professionals, etc.,) shall adhere to the child abuse and neglect and related reporting procedures required under applicable law. If there is a perceived conflict between this rule and these professional reporting requirements, contact the office of general counsel or the office of institutional compliance.

(C)   Please note that if the individual or individuals who have been, or are, abusing or neglecting minors are members of the university community or visitors to campus, the university has a responsibility to promptly respond to these behaviors and take steps to prevent their reoccurrence. Reporting these incidents to the university authorities identified below is a necessary step in addressing these behaviors.

(D)   It is the university's position that, in addition to the mandated statutory reporting requirements for certain individuals and entities, all university personnel and volunteers who have a reasonable cause to suspect that a child is being abused or neglected, shall immediately make a report. Neither Ohio law nor any university policy allows you to delegate the duty to report child abuse or neglect.

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