



Norcross Roller Hockey Mandated Reporter

Did you know that as a volunteer of a youth sports organization you are considered a “Mandated Reporter” and are legally required to report to Law Enforcement or Child Protective Services ANY time you reasonably suspect that a child is at risk for abuse or neglect? Failure to report is punishable by law.

Georgia code O.C.G.A.§ 19-7-5 requires mandated reporters to contact the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) if they have reasonable cause to believe that a child known to them is suspected of being abused or neglected. Calls should be made to 1-855-422-4453. In the event of an emergency, call 9-1-1.

If you are a mandated reporter, it is your legal obligation to report your suspicions to your local county DFCS office or to your organization or agency's designated reporter. Familiarize yourself with state law on agency designated reporters (19-7-5) and your agency's policy on reporting suspected abuse or neglect. If you do not have a policy, advocate for one to be implemented.

It is not your role to investigate injuries or anything the child has told you.

You are the critical link!

The responsibility for protecting our children rests with all of us, but as a mandated reporter, you play a unique role in ensuring the safety of our children and strengthening families. Remember - A child is helpless; you are not.

We HIGHLY recommend that all PBC Sports and Norcross Roller Hockey Volunteers complete this free online training:

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