

## WHAT TO KNOW

- Statute 10A O.S. 1-2-101.B.4 states that nothing relieves you from the requirements of reporting.
- Statute 10A O.S. 1-2-101.B.5 states that this reporting requirement is considered individual, and no employer, supervisor, administrator, governing body or other person shall interfere with your obligation to report or discriminate or retaliate against you for reporting in good faith. If so, they shall be held liable.
- Statute 10A O.S. 1-2-101.C states that anyone who knowingly fails to promptly report suspected child abuse or neglect, or who interferes with the reporting, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Prolonged knowledge (6 months or more) with failed reporting or interference results in a felony.

***Reporting to both the Department of Human Services AND local Law Enforcement greatly increases the likelihood of early intervention and safety for children.***

### **Teacher-Student Texting per 70 O.S. 6-401**

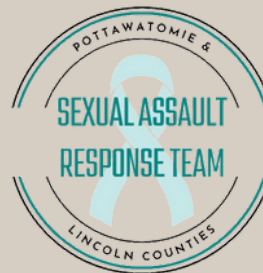
"School personnel should only have electronic communication with an individual student IF a student's parent/guardian is also included in the communication unless the communication is on a school-approved platform AND related to school or academics."

## HOTLINES:

OK Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-522-3511  
Oklahoma Safeline: 1-800-522-SAFE  
Project: SAFE Crisis Hotline: 800-821-9953  
National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-4673

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

- ☎ 405-273-9953
- 🌐 [projectsafeok.com](http://projectsafeok.com)
- ✉ [sart@projectsafeok.com](mailto:sart@projectsafeok.com)
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Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)**

# MANDATORY REPORTING (OKLAHOMA)

IT APPLIES TO EVERYONE



Duty to Report Child Abuse  
10A O.S. 1-2-101

# SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RESPONSIBILITIES

Specific to schools:

- All school employees must abide by the base State statute 10A O.S. 1-2-101.B.1 but must also abide by B.2.a, b, and c.

B.2.a

Every school employee having reason to believe that a student under the age of eighteen (18) years is a victim of abuse or neglect shall report the matter immediately to the Department of Human Services **and** local law enforcement.

B.2.b

Every school employee having reason to believe that a student age eighteen (18) years or older is a victim of abuse or neglect shall report the matter immediately to local law enforcement.

B.2.c

Local law enforcement shall keep confidential and redact any information identifying the reporting school employee unless otherwise ordered by the court. A school employee with knowledge of a report required by subparagraph a or b of this paragraph shall not disclose information identifying the reporting school employee unless otherwise ordered by the court or as part of an investigation by local law enforcement or the Department.

# THE BULLET POINTS

You shall report suspected child abuse or neglect.

Schools must report to **both** DHS **and** Law Enforcement.

Every individual with knowledge is required to report.

Knowledgeable false reporting shall result in a misdemeanor and fine.

Not reporting when you have knowledge will result in a misdemeanor or felony.

You cannot be discriminated or retaliated against for reporting in good faith.

It is unlawful to prevent an individual from reporting.

DHS is not responsible for criminal investigation, Law Enforcement must be notified.



Child Abuse and Neglect  
21 O.S. 21-843.5

# WHAT IS SART?

A Sexual Assault Response Team is a multidisciplinary team that provides direct intervention to sexual assault survivors when they choose to interact with the legal system. A SART is comprised of professionals who partner together to provide inter-agency, coordinated responses to sexual assault in order to: 1) meet the needs of victims/survivors by creating inclusive, comprehensive protocols, and 2) more effectively hold those who cause harm/offenders accountable by coordinating effective investigation and prosecution efforts in connection with a report of sexual assault.

## SART MEMBERS:

- Project: SAFE
- District Attorney's Office
- Child Advocacy Center of Central Oklahoma
- Local and County Law Enforcement
- Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office
- Legal Aid of Oklahoma
- Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Programs
- Batterer's Intervention Partners (BIP)

The SART Initiative on *Sexual Assault and Harassment in Schools* launched Fall 2024.

If you have been affected (past or present), please participate in our survey:

