

Mandatory Child Abuse Reporting Statement

All employees of Middle Tennessee State University must comply with Tennessee law on the mandatory reporting of child abuse and child sexual abuse. Tennessee law mandates reporting by any person who has knowledge of or is called upon to render aid to any child who is suffering from or has sustained any wound, injury, disability, or physical or mental condition. Reporting is required if: (1) the nature of the harm reasonably indicates it was caused by brutality, abuse, or neglect; or (2) on the basis of available information the harm reasonably appears to have been caused by brutality, abuse, or neglect.

Tennessee law also requires a person who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been sexually abused to report such instances of abuse, regardless of whether it appears the child has sustained injury as a result of the sexual abuse.

If you believe that the child is in imminent danger, call 9-1-1 immediately. If there is no threat of imminent danger, the law requires you to contact any of the following authorities:

<p>Tennessee Department of Children’s Services 1-877-542-2873 or 1-877-237-0004</p> <p><u>OR</u> Rutherford County Tennessee DCS Office 434 Jayhawk Court Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37128 (615) 217-8900</p>	<p>A judge having juvenile jurisdiction over the child.</p> <p>For Rutherford County, you may contact: Rutherford County Juvenile Court 1710 South Church Street Suite 1 Murfreesboro, TN 37130 (615) 898-7972</p>
<p>The sheriff of the county where the child resides.</p> <p>For Rutherford County, you may contact: Rutherford County Sheriff’s Office 940 New Salem Highway Murfreesboro, TN 37129 (615) 898-7770</p>	<p>The chief law enforcement official of the city where the child resides.</p> <p>For Murfreesboro, you may contact: Murfreesboro Police Department 302 S. Church St. Murfreesboro, TN 37130 (615) 893-1311</p>