

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
	Chapter 2: Administration of Child Welfare Services	Effective Date: September 1, 2008
	Section 14: Intentional False Reports	Version: 1

STATEMENTS OF PURPOSE

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) has a duty to notify the prosecutor when there is a reason to believe a false Child Abuse and/or Neglect (CA/N) report was intentionally made.

The DCS local office will collaborate with local prosecuting attorneys to facilitate the prosecution of individuals who intentionally makes false CA/N reports.

Code References

[IC 31-33-22-3: False Reports: Criminal and Civil Liability; notification of prosecuting attorney](#)

PROCEDURE

The intake worker/Family Case Manager (FCM) will immediately notify a FCM Supervisor in writing (email is acceptable) if he or she suspects that a reporter has intentionally made a false CA/N report.

The FCM Supervisor will review the information, and if he or she concurs with the suspicions, forward the matter to the attention of the DCS Local Office Director (LOD).

The DCS LOD will:

1. Consult with the DCS Staff Attorney, if they concur with the FCM Supervisor's suspicions; and
2. Make a determination about whether or not to forward the information to the local prosecuting attorney for possible prosecution in accordance with local procedures.

PRACTICE GUIDANCE

N/A

FORMS AND TOOLS

N/A

RELATED INFORMATION

N/A