

Contacting the department of youth protection



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Hello everyone,

As we have new employees this year, I wanted to send out some information regarding contacting youth protection (departement de la protection jeunesse / DPJ).

It is very important to note that all who work with children in this building are mandated reporters. This means that when a child discloses information that leads you to believe they are being abused or neglected, you have a duty to report this to DYP. (YPA S39-S39.1)

I **cannot** report on your behalf, but if you ever need support and/or guidance making a report, I will do my best to make myself available to support you during this call. You can give the person you speak to my work information for a follow up, if you would like. If you do this, please inform me.

Social Work Technicians unfortunately do not have direct access to professionals in DYP, we follow the exact same reporting procedures as everyone else.

When filing a report, you have the right to remain anonymous, and you have the right to report in English or in French. If you are ever met with pushback, you can say "as a mandated reporter, I have reasonable grounds to believe this child is being abused or neglected and I am passing along necessary information to youth protection".

Below is some information regarding our duty to report as well as the link to the reporting services. All information is also available on sharepoint under student support.

Section 39-39.1 of the Youth Protection Act (YPA) states the following: Professionals who work with children, employees of institutions in the health and social services network, teachers, people working in a daycare, and police officers:

Must bring to the attention of the DYP any situations covered by the YPA that they encounter while performing their duties

Must report any situation of sexual and physical abuse encountered outside of their duties, even if they deem that the parents are taking steps to put an end to the situation. It is up to the DYP to assess whether these steps are sufficient

May report, when not performing their duties, other situations that may endanger the security or development of a child.

[How to report a situation - Reporting a situation to the Director of Youth Protection \(DYP\) | Gouvernement du Québec \(quebec.ca\)](#)

Thank you, have a great day

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