

RECOMMENDED CHILD PROTECTION AND ABUSE PREVENTION POLICY
BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & DISCIPLESHIP
NORTHWEST YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
(SAMPLE TO BE USED BY THE LOCAL CHURCH)

APPENDIX

IDAHO LAWS -- Please Note: All laws are subject to change. Please check the laws of your state to know what is currently in effect.

Under Idaho State Law 16-1619 Reporting of Abuse, Abandonment or Neglect:

A. Any physician, resident on a hospital staff, intern, nurse, coroner, school teacher, day care personnel, social worker, or other person having reason to believe that a child/youth under the age of (18) years has been abused, abandoned or neglected or who observes the child/youth being subjected to conditions or circumstances which would reasonably result in abuse, abandonment or neglect shall report or cause to be reported within twenty-four (24) hours such conditions or circumstances to the proper law enforcement agency or the department.

B. Failure to report as required in this section shall be a misdemeanor.

And 16-1620 of Idaho Code:

Immunity. *Any* person who has reason to believe that a child has been abused, abandoned or neglected and, acting upon that belief, makes a report of abuse, abandonment or neglect as required in section 16-1619, Idaho Code, shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed. Any such participant shall have the same immunity with respect to participation in any such judicial proceeding resulting from such report. Any person who reports in bad faith or with malice shall not be protected by this section. Any privilege between husband and wife, or between any professional person except the lawyer-client privilege, including but not limited to physicians, ministers, counselors, hospitals, clinics, day care centers and schools and their clients shall not be grounds for excluding evidence at any proceeding regarding the abuse, abandonment or neglect of the child or the cause thereof.