Texas’ definitions of “abuse” and “neglect are defined very broadly and include most threats to a child’s physical or mental health or welfare. Texas law does not require reporting injuries resulting from an accident or reasonable discipline by a parent or guardian that does not expose the child to a substantial risk of harm. *Texas Law specifies that anyone who “suspects” child abuse or neglect must report it immediately to either a (1) local or state law enforcement or (2) Department of Family and Protective Services (CPS).*

**IF YOU SUSPECT A CHILD HAS BEEN ABUSED OR NEGLECTED:**

| INTERVENE APPROPRIATELY | • Do not Investigate  
| • Protect alleged victim from further abuse |
| REPORT INCIDENT TO A SUPERVISOR or ADMINISTRATOR | • Report incident to Supervisor |
| IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY | • CALL 911 |
| INITIATE EXTERNAL CPS REPORT | • CPS - 1-800-252-5400  
www.txabusehotline.org |
| INITIATE INTERNAL ETHICS Report AND CONTACT BU PD | • 1-866-384-4277 or www.baylor.edu/ethicspoint  
• BU PD - 254-710-2222 |

HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE POLICY TO PROTECT CHILDREN AND PREVENT ABUSE?

Contact Manager, Youth Protection @ PROTECTIONOFMINORS@BAYLOR.EDU or @254-710-3867 or visit online at PROTECTION OF MINORS.