

This questionnaire is designed to gather information about mandated reporters' understanding of what constitutes reasonable suspicion of child abuse. For the purpose of this survey, "child abuse" comprises physical abuse, sexual abuse, psychological abuse, and neglect. Also, this survey assumes that "reasonable suspicion" means the same thing as "reasonable cause to suspect." Please answer these questions to the best of your ability based on your own experience and/or beliefs. Your answers are confidential and will be anonymous. The questionnaire should not take you more than 5-10 minutes to complete.

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1. How much formal education (including seminars, training sessions, etc.) have you received regarding mandated reporting of child abuse?  
 None                       A little                       Moderate Amount                       Extensive
2. Have you ever received any education or guidelines as to what *constitutes reasonable suspicion* of child abuse (i.e., **not** "what signs or symptoms suggest child abuse?" but, conceptually, "what does it mean to have a reasonable suspicion of child abuse?")?  
 Yes                       No
3. How many children have you reported to ChildLine and/or child protective services for suspected child abuse within the past 5 years?  
 Zero                       1-5                       6-10                       10-15                       >15
4. Given your status as a mandated reporter of child abuse, please briefly explain your understanding of what **reasonable suspicion** is. IN OTHER WORDS, what does it mean to you to have a reasonable suspicion that a child has been abused? (Please clearly print your response in the box provided.)

For questions 5 & 6, imagine that you have encountered a child who has an injury (or condition) that might have been caused by abuse AND that you have gathered as much information as you feel is possible, given the sources readily available.

5. On a rank order list of possible explanations for the child's injury (or condition), how high on the list would (suspected) child abuse have to rank before you felt there was reasonable suspicion of child abuse? (Fill in one circle below.)

- 1 **Most likely explanation**
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10 **Least likely explanation**

6. How great would the likelihood of abuse have to be for you to feel you had reasonable suspicion that the child's injury (or condition) was caused by abuse? (That is, would you need to feel there was a 99% likelihood that abuse occurred before you felt you had reasonable suspicion? a 1% likelihood? or something in between?)

Please indicate what level of likelihood constitutes reasonable suspicion for you by marking an "X" on the scale below (i.e., at the appropriate spot along the line corresponding to the percent likelihood).



7. How would you best describe your current position? (choose one)
- Teacher **(Go to Question 7a)**
  - School Counselor **(Go to Question 7a)**
  - School Administrator **(Go to Question 7a)**
  - School Nurse **(Go to Question 7a)**
  - Daycare provider **(Go to Question 8)**
  - Social worker **(Go to Question 7b)**
  - Clergy **(Go to Question 8)**
  - Psychologist **(Go to Question 7b)**
  - Law enforcement **(Go to Question 7c)**
- 7a. Please identify what grades you primarily work with. (choose one) **(Go to Question 8)**
- Pre-school (pre-K)
  - Grade school (K-5)
  - Middle school (6-8)
  - High school (9-12)
- 7b. Please choose one below. **(Go to Question 8)**
- Pediatric
  - Family
- 7c. Please choose one below. **(Go to Question 8)**
- Regional
  - State
8. How many years have you worked professionally with children?
- <1       1-2       3-5       6-10       11-15       >15
9. Do you have children of your own?
- Yes       No

10. Which of the following best describes your race? (You may choose more than one.)

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White
- Hispanic or Latino
- Other \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please specify*

11. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- 8th grade
- High school or G.E.D.
- Associate's degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Master's degree
- Doctoral degree (PhD, EdD, MD, etc.)

12. Do you have any comments about reasonable suspicion or this survey that you would like to share?

Thank you very much for completing this survey.

If you have any questions about the content of this survey, or if you want to know more about the research being conducted, please contact Dr. Benjamin H. Levi at the Department of Pediatrics, Penn State College of Medicine, 500 University Drive, Hershey, PA 17033; phone: (717)531-8006; BHLEVI@psu.edu.