# Child Abuse and Neglect: Prevention, Recognition and Reporting

**KRS 156.095** requires the Kentucky Department of Education to maintain a list of approved, comprehensive, evidence-informed trainings on child abuse and neglect prevention, recognition and reporting that encompass child physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and neglect. The trainings shall be web-based or in-person. Minimum requirements:

1. Recognizing child physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and neglect;
2. Reporting suspected child abuse and neglect in Kentucky as required by KRS 620.030 and the appropriate documentation;
3. Responding to the child; and
4. Understanding the response of child protective services.

The trainings must include a questionnaire or other assessment tool upon completion to document basic knowledge of training components.

## Training Requirements

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<th>Recognizing child physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and neglect as required by KRS 600.020, KRS 222.005 and KRS 529.010</th>
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<td>5. <strong>Human Trafficking</strong>: basic definition, behavioral clues, physical indicators, caregiver indicators</td>
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## Reporting suspected child abuse/neglect as required by KRS 620.030 (1), (2), and (6); and KRS 620:050 (1) and (11)

a. Mandatory Reporting
   - Reasonable suspicion (KRS 620.030 (1))
   - Failure to report (KRS 620.030 (6))

b. Mandatory Reporters (KRS 620:030 (2))

c. Legal Protection
   - Good Faith Immunity (KRS 620.050 (1))
   - Confidentiality (KRS 620:050 (11))

d. Who to contact
   - [Cabinet for Health and Family Services](https://prdweb.chfs.ky.gov/ReportAbuse)
   - Statewide Abuse Hotline 1-877-597-2331 (1-877-KYSAFE1)
   - Department for Community-Based Services (DCBS)
- **Regional Centralized Intake**
- Local law enforcement or the Kentucky State Police
- Commonwealth or County Attorney

e. Legal Protection for Reporting Sources
   - KRS 620.050, KRS 620.020, KRS 431.600

f. Making a Report (KRS 620:040 (4))
   - Define “Disclosure” & “Investigation”
   - Timeframe for reporting (922 KAR 1:330)

Responding to the child as required by KRS 620.030 and 620:040 (4)

a. Role of school personnel
   - Report child abuse and neglect promptly
   - Maintain confidentiality
   - Do not conduct an investigation

b. Role of child protective services
   - Make an initial determination as to the immediate safety and risk of harm to a child (922 KAR 1:330 (3))
   - Investigate and follow regulations and timeline (922 KAR 1:330)

Understanding the response of child protective services as required by KRS 431.600, KRS 620.040, KRS 620.060

a. Acceptance Criteria (KRS 600:020 and 922 KAR 1:330) and Types of Neglect (supervision, environmental, medical, risk of harm, educational, substance use/abuse, food, hygiene/clothing, emotional injury)

b. Response Timeframe, including imminent, non-imminent, and low risk (922 KAR 1:330)

c. Sharing information with school/reporter (KRS 620:050)

d. Possible legal responsibility of reporter (620:050 (11))

### Technical Components

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