

Graphic Internet Access

BREAKING THE SILENCE
CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS TRAINING

The Scenario:

A student brags in front of the entire class that he is allowed to surf the web at home and visits any site he wants. He claims that he has seen “everything”! What do you do?

Discussion Begins

What do you do?

Do you report? If so, to whom? If so, when? If you don't, what might happen to the student? To you? To your school? To LAUSD?

If you report and the Local Law Enforcement Agency or the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) tells you...

...to **handle it administratively**, what do you do next?

...**they will investigate**, what do you do next?



Legal Response

Away from other students, you should ask the student a clarifying question such as “What do you mean by ‘everything’?” It appears that the student’s parents may not be exercising appropriate supervision and that the student is being allowed to view websites that are not age appropriate. It may be necessary to file a Suspected Child Abuse Report with either the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) or the Local Law Enforcement Agency.

If you are told to **handle it administratively**, you should file the Suspected Child Abuse Report with the agency anyway and keep a copy along with the agent’s name and ID number.

Other Considerations

If you are told to **handle it administratively**, you should notify an administrator and the student’s parents.

Listen

Convey your interest and concern for the student’s well-being. Privately, after class, ask the student to clarify his comments.

Protect

If necessary, speak with the student’s parents and convey your concern for his potential exposure to inappropriate content.

Connect

Every school site has protocols, systems, and resources to support and address student safety and well-being. This is an opportunity to become familiar with and use the procedures, policies, and resources at your work site.

Model

It is good to be aware of your thoughts, feelings, and reactions about the event which can be seen and can affect your students.

Teach

This is an opportunity to discuss internet safety with the student, his family, and the entire class.

Emotional Support