Instructions: Please circle the correct response for each question. Use the Child Abuse Reporting Answer key to check your responses for accuracy.

1. Who is required to report suspected child abuse in Tennessee?
   A. All of the below
   B. Professionals who work with children on a daily basis
   C. Neighbors who have concerns about possible child abuse
   D. Relatives who witness child abuse

   Answer: A
   Tennessee law states that any person who has a reason to suspect that a child has been harmed through brutality, abuse, or neglect is required to report it.

2. Where can you report suspected child abuse?
   A. All of the below
   B. Both Juvenile Court and the Department of Children's Services (DCS)
   C. County Court Clerk
   D. Juvenile Court
   E. Department of Children's Services

   Answer: B
   Juvenile Court and the Department of Children's Services both handle child abuse reports.

3. If you work for a school and you learn that one of the students may have been abused, you can fulfill your duty to report by telling the principal.
   A. True
   B. False

   Answer: False
   Remember the law T.C.A. 37-1-403 (h): Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit any hospital, clinic, school, or other organization responsible for the care of children from developing a specific procedure for internally tracking, reporting, or otherwise monitoring a report made by a member of the organization’s staff who makes such a report to provide a copy of or notice concerning the report to the organization, so long as the procedure does not inhibit, interfere with, or otherwise affect the duty of a person to make a report as required by subsection (a).

   Your school may have an internal procedure for reporting the incident to the principal for tracking purposes but by law, you are still obligated to report the incident to the proper authorities.
4. A person who knowingly fails to make a report of suspected child abuse or neglect is guilty of a misdemeanor.
   A. True
   B. False

   Answer: True
   Failure to report child abuse is a Class A misdemeanor.

5. The maximum fine for knowing failure to report is $2,500
   A. True
   B. False

   Answer: True
   The 2005 law increased the limit of the fine for "failure to report" to $2,500.

6. Before making a report of child abuse/neglect to the proper authorities, you must obtain proof beyond a reasonable doubt that the child is a victim of brutality.
   A. True
   B. False

   Answer: False
   You must only have concerns that the child abuse/neglect may have occurred, based on the information available to you.

7. How can you report a suspected case of child abuse to the Department of Children Services?
   A. Call the Toll Free Child Abuse Hotline
   B. Send a fax
   C. Send a letter
   D. Using the Internet
   E. All of the above

   Answer: E
   You can report a suspected case of child abuse to the Department of Children's Services by calling the toll-free Child Abuse Hotline, sending a fax, or writing a letter.

8. Tennessee law protects the name of any person who reports a suspected case of child abuse.
   A. True
   B. False

   Answer: True
   Tennessee law provides legal protections for reporters of child maltreatment. Persons reporting in good faith are immune from civil and criminal liability for making the report.
9. DCS may publicly disclose confidential case information when
   A. None of the below
   B. The child's life is threatened
   C. The reporter is a relative
   D. The reporter really wants to know

   Answer: A
   *The Department of Children's Services (DCS) may not disclose confidential case information to the reporter.*

10. Which factor most influences how quickly DCS will Respond to a report?
    A. The time of day the report is made
    B. The number of other cases received that day
    C. The identity of the reporter
    D. The severity of the allegations

   Answer: D
   *Reports that indicate imminent threat of serious harm are the most important factors determining response time.*

11. A person who makes a report of alleged child abuse or neglect has the option to be notified if DCS will investigate that report.
    A. True
    B. False

   Answer: True
   *The reporter may request to be informed if the Department of Children’s Services (DCS) will investigate the report.*

12. The agency mandated to investigate child abuse and neglect is:
    A. The County Court Clerk
    B. The Register of Deeds
    C. The Family Counseling Agency
    D. The Department of Children's Services (DCS)

   Answer: D
   *The agency mandated to investigate child abuse and neglect is the Department of Children's Services (DCS).*

13. The chief concern in a child abuse investigation is keeping the children safe while preserving their relationships with family, school, and the community.
A. True  
B. False

Answer: True
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