

ROADMAP

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WHAT IS CHILD ABUSE?

Pueblo of Laguna Criminal Code § 15-9-4

A. Offense. Abuse of a child occurs when a parent, legal guardian or person who has custodial care and purposely, knowingly or recklessly:

- (1) Causes or permits a child to suffer, or makes it likely that the child will suffer, physical injury by other than accidental means, which causes or creates a substantial risk of death, disfigurement, or impairment of bodily function; or
- (2) Deprives a child of adequate food, clothing, shelter, medical care, education or supervision necessary for his safety, health and well-being.
- B. Sentence. Any person found guilty of abusing a child shall be sentenced to a jail term not to exceed one (1) year or the maximum term allowed under federal law, or be ordered to pay a fine not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), or both.

WHAT IS CHILD NEGLECT?

Pueblo of Laguna Criminal Code § 15-9-5

A. Offense. Child neglect occurs when a parent, legal guardian, a person who has the custodial care of a child, or any other person responsible for the child's health or welfare, harms a child's health or welfare:

- (1) Through negligent treatment, including the failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter or medical care; or
- (2) By failing to intervene to eliminate an unreasonable risk to the child's health or welfare when able to do so, and when that person has knowledge, or should have knowledge of the risk.
- B. Sentence. Any person found guilty of child neglect shall be sentenced to a jail term not to exceed one (1) year or the maximum term allowed under federal law, or be ordered to pay a fine not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00), or both.

WHAT IS CHILD DEPENDENCY?

Pueblo of Laguna Children's Code § 7-2-82

- (3) A dependent child. One who fits one (1) of the following categories:
 - (a) Who is without a parent, guardian, extended family or other custodian;
 - (b) Who is without parental care and supervision because he or she has been abandoned;
- (c) Who is in need of special care and treatment required by his or her physical, mental or social condition; or
- (d) Whose parent, guardian, extended family or other custodian for good cause requests support with care and custody of the child.

FAILURE TO SEND CHILDREN TO SCHOOL

Pueblo of Laguna Criminal Code § 15-9-6

A. Offense. Failure to send children to school consists of a person who shall, without good cause, refuse or neglect to send his children, or any children under his care, to school; said child(ren) not having reached his eighteenth (18) birthday. It is not a violation of this offense if the parent sees his children get on the school bus or actually drives his child(ren) to school, and at some point afterwards, the child does not attend classes.

B. Sentence. Any person found guilty of failure to send children to school shall be sentenced to a jail term not to exceed one hundred, twenty (120) days, or be ordered to pay a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or both.

WHEN TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE?

If you have a reasonable belief that one of these crimes has been committed, report it to BOTH LSS and LPD!

If a referral is received and it looks like one of these crimes was committed, it will be investigated.

If it looks to be only civil, then LSS will respond and investigate

If it looks like it is criminal, then LSS and LPD will respond

Bullying in the Pueblo of Laguna

BULLYING

Pueblo of Laguna Children's Code § 7-2-281

G. *Bullying*. No child, or any person under this Code, shall or attempt to, cause distress upon another upon one (1) or more students through any written or verbal expression, or physical act, threat or gesture, or any intentional display of force, or a pattern thereof, intended to intimidate, terrorize, or give the victim reason to believe they were in fear of expecting immediate bodily harm. This prohibited behavior can occur not only on any school campus within the exterior boundaries of the Pueblo of Laguna, but also any public place where children may congregate.

Sentence — Any child, or person under this Code, shall be subject to incarceration not to exceed twenty (20) days in jail or a one hundred fifty dollar (\$150.00) fine or both. In addition, the court may order community service not to exceed fifty (50) hours of service and juvenile probation not to exceed four (4) months.

BASICALLY....

- Method: Written or verbal expression, or physical act, threat or gesture
- Number of times: Can be only 1 time, repeated acts not necessary
- Reason/Intent: Intended to intimidate, terrorize, or give the victim reason to believe they were in fear of expecting immediate bodily harm
- Where: Must happen at school OR a public place where children may congregate (bus stop, park, etc.)

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