

**POLICY NO. LE-027
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

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1.0 Preamble

1.1 WHEREAS subsection 31(1) of the ***Police Services Act*** provides that a Board is responsible for the provision of Police Services and for Law Enforcement and Crime Prevention in the Municipality and shall:

- 1.1.1 Generally determine after consultation with the Chief of Police, objectives and priorities with respect to the Police Service in the Municipality;
- 1.1.2 Establish priorities for the effective management of the Police Service, and
- 1.1.3 Direct the Chief of Police and monitor their performance.

1.2 AND whereas ***O. Reg. 3/99*** prescribes standards for adequacy and effectiveness of Police Services.

2.0 Definitions

2.1 **Board** – shall mean the Barrie Police Services Board.

2.2 **BPS** – the acronym for the Barrie Police Service.

2.3 **Chief** – shall mean the Chief of Police.

3.0 Policy

- 3.1 It is the policy of the Board with respect to Child Abuse and Neglect investigations, that the Chief will:
- 3.1.1 Work to establish a committee to develop a local strategy to prevent and respond to complaints of Child of Abuse and Neglect in partnership with:
 - 3.1.1.1 The local Crown.
 - 3.1.1.2 Children's Aid Societies.
 - 3.1.1.3 Municipalities.
 - 3.1.1.4 School Boards, and
 - 3.1.1.5 Other appropriate service providers, including Hospital Staff.
 - 3.1.2 Develop and maintain procedures on and processes for undertaking and managing Child Abuse and Neglect investigations.
 - 3.1.3 Enter into a Child Abuse Protocol with their local Children's Aid Societies with respect to investigations into complaints of Child Abuse and Neglect, and the sudden unexpected death of any child, and
 - 3.1.4 If the alleged Child Abuse fits the definition of a Major Case, require Officers to comply with the procedures set out in the Ministry's designated Ontario Major Case Management Manual.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Board Chair

Board Administrator