


<p>California Department of Justice DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SERVICES Nick L. Dedier, Director/CIO</p>		<h1>INFORMATION BULLETIN</h1>	
<p><i>Subject:</i> <b>Form SS 8572 Suspected Child Abuse Report</b></p>	<p><i>No.</i> 05-15-BCIA</p>	<p><i>Contact for information:</i> <b>Child Protection Program (916) 227-3285</b></p>	
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**TO: ALL POLICE CHIEFS, SHERIFFS AND COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENTS**

Penal Code Section 11168, specifies that the written reports described in Penal Code Section 11166 shall be submitted on forms adopted by the Department of Justice after consultation with representatives of the various professional medical associations and hospital associations and county probation or welfare departments. These forms are then distributed to those agencies specified in Penal Code Section 11165.9.

As specified, the Department of Justice is responsible for providing the SS 8572 Suspected Child Abuse Report form to Police Departments, Sheriff's Offices and County Welfare Departments. For your convenience and easy access, these forms may be accessed by County Child Welfare agencies via the Child Welfare Services /Case Management System (CWS/CMS) data base. For those law enforcement agencies without access to CWS/CMS, the form and its instructions are available at the following Department of Justice, Attorney General Web addresses:

[http://www.ag.ca.gov/childabuse/pdf/ss\\_8572.pdf](http://www.ag.ca.gov/childabuse/pdf/ss_8572.pdf)

[http://www.ag.ca.gov/childabuse/pdf/8572\\_instruct.pdf](http://www.ag.ca.gov/childabuse/pdf/8572_instruct.pdf)

A limited number of printed forms are also available. Please contact the Child Protection Program at the above phone number for any other questions regarding the Suspected Child Abuse Report form.

Sincerely,

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For **BILL LOCKYER**  
Attorney General