

44.8 Department of Child Safety (DCS)

If an *officer* believes a child has suffered or *will* imminently suffer *abuse* or neglect, the *officer* is to contact the Department of Child Safety (DCS) Child *Abuse* Hotline at (877)238-4501. *Officers should* be prepared to provide the following information:

- 1. officer's name and contact number
- 2. Names and ages of children
- 3. Names of parents or guardians, including mother's maiden name
- 4. Location of events
- 5. Reason for concern for the child(ren)'s welfare
- 6. Relatives or others available for emergency care
- 7. Information concerning the mental and physical health of the children
- 8. Names and contact information for others who *may* have information regarding the *abuse* or neglect of the child.