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A. Pursuant to [A.R.S. §8-821](#), a child suspected to be the victim of abuse or neglect may be taken into custody as set forth in the statute. Temporary custody is authorized only when:

1. there is a court order to do so, see A.R.S. [§8-821\(A\)\(1\)](#).
2. with consent of the parent or guardian, see [A.R.S. §8-821\(A\)\(3\)](#).
3. if there is probable cause to believe that the child is either:
 - a. A victim or will become a victim of abuse or neglect in the time it would take to obtain a court order, see [A.R.S. §8-821\(D\)\(1\)](#).
 - b. suffering serious physical or emotional injury that can only be diagnosed by a medical doctor or psychologist, see [A.R.S. §8-821\(D\)\(2\)](#).
 - c. physically injured as a result of living where dangerous drugs or narcotics are being manufactured, see [A.R.S. §8-821\(D\)\(3\)](#).
 - d. Reported by DCS to be a missing child at risk of serious harm, see [A.R.S. §8-821\(D\)\(4\)](#).

B. Whenever a child is taken into temporary custody under these situations, a Temporary Custody Notice *shall* be provided to the parent or guardian. If the parent or guardian is present within the state, the Notice *must* be provided within 6 hours; if the parent or guardian is out of state, the Notice *must* be provided within 24 hours.

If neither the parent nor guardian is present at the place from which the child is removed, notice *will* be given to an adult at the residence, or posted at that location. If the residence is not known, a reasonable effort *shall* be made and documented to locate and notify the parent or guardian.

C. DCS *must* be contacted whenever a Temporary Custody Notice is served. Children taken into temporary custody for medical or psychological services *must* be immediately taken for examination. *Officers should* work closely with DCS to ensure that children are



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held only for the time permitted by statute and that proper notice is provided to the parents.

All children taken into protective custody and in need of psychological/medical exams may be taken to the ChildHelp Center located in *Phoenix*.

