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New York City Family Law Attorneys Ethan Steward and Martin Mohr Discuss New York Child Abuse Laws

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New York City family law attorneys Ethan Steward and Martin Mohr (<https://www.newyorkfamilylawgroup.com/blog/new-york-child-abuse-laws-an-overview/>) release a new article explaining Child Abuse Laws in New York. The lawyer mentions that child abuse laws fall under the criminal code. Under Family Court Act, Section 1012 (e), an abused child is one whose parents or guardians inflict physical, mental, or sexual abuse on the child. Child abuse can also constitute maltreatment and neglect that puts the child in serious harm.

?Child abuse or neglect reports are filed when there is reason to suspect that a child has been abused or if someone has information regarding an instance of child abuse. Mandated reporters are required to make their suspicions of child abuse known. These suspicions might be cultivated by certain circumstances involving the child, the condition in which the child is living, or facts presented to them by the child,? the article from the New York City family law attorneys says.

The lawyers explain that certain professions are required by law to act as mandated reporters for any suspected child abuse in New York. If these mandated reporters fail to report their suspicions, they can be held accountable in the criminal and civil legal systems. Mandated reporters are required to make a report when presented with reasonable or substantial doubt to suspect a child is being abused.

Attorney Martin Mohr says that professions that require workers to act as mandated reporters include social service workers, licensed marriage and family therapists, registered physician's assistants, school officials and teachers, residential care workers, and many others. The lawyer adds that the common perpetrators of abuse in children often look like everyone else.

Attorney Ethan Steward adds, "Even though it's controversial, New York has a statute of limitations for child abuse cases. If child victim is not able to file a claim against their abuser in a timely manner, they may be barred from seeking justice. A civil case involving child abuse can only be filed within five years of the person becoming the majority. This means that it must be filed before the victim turns 23."

Lastly, the lawyer emphasizes the importance of having a skilled child abuse attorney when dealing with matters such as child abuse. A skilled lawyer may be able to help the parents understand their roles and responsibilities in protecting their children.

About New York Family Law Group

New York Family Law Group is founded by attorneys Martin Mohr and Ethan Steward. Combined, the lawyers have over 30 years of experience in dealing with New York family laws. They aim to give their clients skilled representation and educate them about their rights while navigating the complicated terrains of family law-related matters. Contact them today at (718) 293-1542 to schedule a consultation.

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