

LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR MEMBERS

OECTA provides legal assistance to members in accordance with By-laws 2.119-2.122 of the Handbook.

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If you are contacted by the police or Children's Aid Society (CAS) regarding an allegation against you:

- Do not participate in an interview.
- Say: "I am willing to cooperate but I am unable to comment until I contact my Association."
- Make no comments to anyone regarding the allegations/charges.
- Call OECTA's Counselling and Member Services staff at **1-800-268-7230** or **416-925-2493**.

If contacted by the Ontario College of Teachers:

(1) If you are informed that the College is investigating a complaint about you:

- Listen to the information provided.
- Make no response.
- Contact OECTA's C&MS Department for assistance.
- Do not discuss this issue with anyone until advised.

(2) If the College is asking about a colleague:

- You must cooperate with the College or risk a charge of Professional Misconduct.
- Give only information you have personally witnessed and can verify.
- Do not make any assumptions unless you can verify all the facts.
- Remember 18 (1)(b) and (c) of the *Teaching Profession Act*.