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Guidelines For Responding to County or District School Contacts

1. HSLDA recommends that you do not let authorities inside of your home - you should speak through the door or an open window. The law provides that entry into the home without a search warrant is justified only upon exigent circumstances. This means that the officers have probable cause or reasonable suspicion to believe that a crime is being **presently** committed within the home.
2. Advise them that you are registered with American Christian Academy and all records are kept at the Main Office. Take their name and phone number and advise them that an ACA school official will contact them within 48 hours. If they are persistent and you are a member of HSLDA you can make arrangements for them to talk to an HSLDA attorney (540) 338-5600. (We highly recommend membership to all of our families). Remember to be polite and respectful throughout the contact!
3. Once they are gone, immediately notify your coordinator or the program directors. You should also inform HSLDA, (540) 338-5600, about the contact.
4. If the contact is by phone, write down their name, phone number and nature of the call. Then follow the procedure above.

Contact Person's Name & Phone Number

Date & Nature of the Call

* **Do Not Panic! Home Schooling is Legal!** Most of the contacted personnel sound like they know what they're talking about, but in most cases they don't. They have been told by someone higher up what to do, and they are just following orders.

* Thus far, all the contacts in the ACAEC program have been friendly. The school personnel were content to know that we have private school affidavits on file, and that there is accountability in our program.

* **What does Accountability mean?**

This means that we have Quarterly Meetings in which there is interaction from ACAEC personnel with the parents. This includes training to the parents from Mr. Rose. It also includes monthly contacts from the coordinator or their agent. (Monthly meetings, Field Trips, or a phone call.) Finally, it means that our parents, or the student, is keeping a journal of what principles were taught that day.

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PUBLIC SCHOOL JURISDICTION!**