PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN NOTICE

NOTICE OF LIMITED NONCONSENT

Request for Written Child Protection Information | NORTH CAROLINA

Date: [Date] Parent / guardian: [Full legal name]

Mailing address: [Street, city, state, ZIP] Email / phone (optional): [Contact]

To: North Carolina county Department of Social Services (DSS), Child Protective Services

Re: [Child initials / investigation reference]

To the assigned child protection worker and supervisor:

I understand DSS has authority to assess accepted child-safety reports under Chapter 7B. I ask that consent-based requests be distinguished from action authorized by law.

LIMITED CONSENT DECISIONS

I do not give blanket advance consent to voluntary adult interviews, consensual nonemergency home entry or search, optional adult testing or evaluations, blanket release of my private records, or voluntary services or safety plans. Please explain each request and its legal basis separately so I can decide after reviewing it and, if needed, consulting counsel. This statement does not override a court order, independently authorized child interview, lawful investigation or emergency intervention.

STATE-SPECIFIC RIGHTS, EXCEPTIONS, AND DEADLINES

- G.S. 7B-302(h) limits private-home entry for an assessment to specified grounds: parent/caretaker permission, a court order, legally authorized law-enforcement entry, or reasonable belief of imminent danger of death or serious physical injury.
- Under G.S. 7B-302(c), as amended effective April 1, 2026, when a qualifying assessment indicates abuse, neglect, or dependency and offered protective services are refused, the director may be required to file a petition that receives counsel review. Declining consent does not necessarily close the case.
- IMPORTANT: If a director identifies you as a "responsible individual" under G.S. 7B-320(a) or (b), § 7B-323(a) generally allows ONLY 15 DAYS after RECEIPT OF NOTICE to file a judicial-review petition with the district-court clerk in the county where the report arose. Deliver a copy to the DSS director personally or by certified mail, return receipt requested. This is not the reporter's five-working-day review route under § 7B-302(g).

PLEASE PROVIDE IN WRITING

- Investigator and supervisor business contacts, case/reference number, assessment type, and allegations that may legally be disclosed.
- The specific basis for requested entry, child interviews, adult testing, safety plans or services and copies of any court order or petition.
- Any G.S. 7B-320 responsible-individual notice, the exact 15-day filing deadline, correct court/clerk, service information, and case-specific appeal instructions.

Please include this notice in the case file and confirm receipt. I request routine nonurgent correspondence in writing. For urgent child-safety concerns, please contact me promptly through an appropriate available method.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed name: _____

LEGAL REFERENCES: N.C.G.S. §§ 7B-302(c), (g), (h), 7B-303, 7B-320, 7B-323(a), (e).

LIMITATION / LEGAL REVIEW HOLD: The 15-day deadline governs the specific responsible-individual court petition, not all CPS matters. Filing a consent notice does NOT file that petition. Working draft; not legal advice.

IMPORTANT - NO APPEAL FILED: This notice does not file an appeal, hearing request, grievance, or court petition; it does not pause any deadline. Follow the case-specific notice and filing instructions.