**Section 270.458 Improper or Ex Parte Communications**

a) No party or other individual or entity legally interested in the outcome of a proceeding under this Subpart may make any written or oral communication, directly or indirectly, imparting or requesting material information or making a material argument regarding potential action concerning the hearing, without including all parties to the hearing in the communication.

b) If the Department/other entity receives a communication prohibited by subsection (a), including the receipt of any documents, that communication will be made known to all other parties to the proceedings and will be made part of the record.

c) The rule on ex parte communication does not prevent the Department/other entity from communicating to one party about routine procedural or practice matters.

d) Nothing in this Section is to prevent any communication necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the victim.

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