Article - Family Law

§5–709.

(a) If a representative of a local department is conducting an investigation under this subtitle, the representative may enter the household, if the representative:

(1) previously has been denied the right of entry; and

(2) has probable cause to believe that a child is in serious, immediate danger.

(b) A police officer shall accompany the representative and may use reasonable force, if necessary, to enable the representative to gain entry.

(c) The representative may remove the child temporarily, without prior approval by the juvenile court, if the representative believes that the child is in serious, immediate danger.

(d) If a child is removed from a household under this section, the local department shall have the child thoroughly examined by a physician and a report of this examination shall be included in a report made under § 5–706(j) of this subtitle within the time specified.