



Office of Youth Safety & Compliance

MANDATORY REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE

New Employee Orientation



Oregon State
University

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Session Overview

- ✓ State laws related to mandatory reporting
- ✓ OSU policy and training content
- ✓ Reporting procedures → external and internal
- ✓ FAQs and resources

Reference Material

State Law: Oregon Revised Statute 419B.005

University Policy: Safety of Minors (07-040)

Critical Training (Bridge): Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse

Additional resources, including FAQs, can be found online at
youth.oregonstate.edu

Mandatory Reporter obligations



- As an OSU employee, you are mandated by law to report suspected child abuse
- Your obligations as a mandatory reporter are specific to you as an individual, regardless of time period, location, duty or role
- As a mandatory reporter, your obligations continue 24-7, no matter where you are

When to report

When you have “reasonable cause to believe” that any child with whom you come into contact has suffered abuse, or that any person you come into contact with has abused a child.

What is considered “abuse?”

- Any **assault of a child** and any **physical injury** to a child caused by other than accidental means;
- Any **mental injury** to a child, which shall include only observable and substantial impairment of the child’s mental or psychological ability to function caused by cruelty to the child, with due regard to the culture of the child;
- **Rape** of a child, which includes, but is not limited to: rape, sodomy, unlawful sexual penetration and incest;
- **Sexual abuse**; and
- **Sexual exploitation**, including:
 - Contribution to the sexual delinquency of a minor;
 - Allowing, permitting, encouraging or hiring a child to engage in prostitution or patronize a prostitute;
- **Negligent treatment** or maltreatment of a child;
- **Threatened harm** to a child, which means to subject a child to a substantial risk of harm to the child’s health or welfare; and
- **Buying or selling a child.**

Mandatory Reporting Checklist

When I have **reasonable cause** to suspect that any child has been abused

- ✓ First*, contact DHS
1-855-503-SAFE (7233)

or law enforcement

OSU Department of Public Safety
541-737-3010

*Call 9-1-1 for imminent safety risks

Prepare the following information

- ✓ Names and address of the child and parent;
- ✓ Child's age;
- ✓ Type and extent of abuse; and
- ✓ Any other information that will help establish the cause of abuse or identify the abuser.

Mandatory Reporting Checklist

If any OSU activity, location or affiliated person is involved, you must also:

- ✓ Submit the [OSU Mandatory Reporting Notification Form](#) and/or call EOA directly at 541-737-3556
- ✓ Inform your supervisor, as appropriate

The screenshot shows the 'Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse & Neglect' form from Oregon State University. The form includes the OSU logo and a yellow callout box stating: 'Use this form to report instances of child abuse related to OSU authorized activities or affiliated persons.' Below this, it instructs users to call 1-855-503-SAFE (7233) to report abuse or neglect of any child or adult to the Oregon Department of Human Services. The form is divided into two main sections: 'Background Information' and 'Child and Parent Information'. The 'Background Information' section contains the following fields: 'Your full name:' (text input), 'Your phone number:' (text input), 'Your email address:' (text input), 'Date of incident (Required):' (calendar icon and YYYY-MM-DD text input), 'Location of incident (Required):' (dropdown menu with 'Please select a location ...'), and 'Specific location:' (text input). The 'Child and Parent Information' section is partially visible at the bottom.

Recap

When you have **reasonable cause** to believe that **any child** with whom you come into contact has **suffered abuse**, or that **any person** you come into contact with **has abused a child**...

#1 Call law enforcement* or DHS at **1-855-503-SAFE (7233)**

#2 If it involves any OSU activity, location or affiliated persons, then also:

- Submit the online form **or** call EOA (**541-737-9556**)
- Inform a supervisor

*If someone is in immediate danger, call **9-1-1**

Questions?

Start here: youth.oregonstate.edu/abuse

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