

Why Report Suspected Abuse & Neglect?

- Reporting can help the individual or family get the help they need.
- Mandated reporters cannot be held civilly or criminally liable for making a report. However, it is a crime NOT to report.

Where Can I Learn More?

San Diego County District Attorney's Office www.sdcda.org

Reporting instructions, websites, training links, and more

County of San Diego, Child and Family Wellbeing, HHSA Child Abuse

Hotline (24 Hours)

(800) 344-6000

(858) 560-2191

County of San Diego, Aging and Independence Services, HHSA Adult Protective Services Reporting Hotline (24 Hours)

(800) 510-2020 (outside SD County)

(800) 339-4661 (within SD County)

district attorney office locations

San Diego – Hall of Justice
330 W. Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101
(619) 531-4300

North County Branch – Vista Courthouse
325 S. Melrose Dr., Ste. 5000, Vista, CA 92083
(760) 806-4004

East County Branch – El Cajon Courthouse
250 Main St., 5th Floor, El Cajon, CA 92020
(619) 441-4588

South Bay Branch
333 H St., Ste. 4000, Chula Vista, CA 91910
(619) 498-5650

Juvenile Division – Juvenile Courthouse
2851 Meadowlark Dr., San Diego, CA 92123
(858) 694-4250

Learn more about who
is a mandated reporter at
www.sdcda.org



MANDATED REPORTING



**It's Your Responsibility
To Report Suspected
Abuse And Neglect**



**San Diego County
District Attorney**

Mandated Reporting

If you are a mandated reporter, you are legally required to report if you know or reasonably suspect abuse of a child, elder and/or dependent adult.

You cannot be held liable for reporting.

It's the Law

- Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act: Penal Code sections 11164-11174
- Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act: Welfare and Institutions Code sections 15630-15632
- Submit Form 8572 within 36 hours

Reasonable Suspicion

- When a person entertains a suspicion, based upon facts that could cause a reasonable person in a like position, drawing, when appropriate on his or her training and experience to suspect abuse or neglect
- Does not require certainty that the abuse or neglect has occurred
- Any reasonable suspicion is sufficient

Reporting Steps for Child Abuse

- Immediately, or as soon as practically possible, call the **Child Abuse Hotline** at (800) 344-6000
- Submit Form 8572 within 36 hours

Reporting Steps for Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse:

- Immediately, or as soon as practically possible, call the **Adult Protective Services Hotline** at (800) 339-4661
- Submit Form SOC 341 within 2 working days



Child Abuse

Includes physical, sexual or emotional abuse, or neglect. Child abuse and neglect is a crime. Learn more about these crimes and mandated reporting: www.sdcda.org.

Physical Abuse

- Physical injury or death inflicted by other than accidental means on a child
- Unlawful corporal punishment or injury, willfully inflicted, resulting in a traumatic condition

Emotional Abuse

- Willful cruelty or unjustified punishment
- Acts or omissions that have or could cause serious behavioral, cognitive, emotional, or mental disorders

Sexual Abuse

- Sexual assault and sexual exploitation

General Neglect

- Failure of a caregiver to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, medical care, or supervision, where no physical injury to child has occurred

Severe Neglect

- The negligent failure of a caregiver to protect the child from severe malnutrition or medically diagnosed nonorganic failure to thrive
- Situations where the caregiver willfully causes or permits the child to be placed in a situation such that his or her person or health is endangered

Abuse Of Elders & Dependent Adults

- Abuse may include physical, financial, and sexual abuse, abandonment, isolation, mental suffering, and neglect
- Abuse or neglect of an elder (65 years and older) or dependent adult is a crime. Learn more about these crimes and mandated reporting: www.sdcda.org

Physical Abuse

- Direct beatings, lack of medical care or overmedication, sexual exploitation

Abandonment

- Desertion or willful forsaking by anyone having responsibility for care

Isolation

- Preventing the adult from receiving mail, telephone calls, or visitors

Financial Abuse

- Theft, misuse of funds or property, extortion, duress, fraud

Mental Suffering

- Verbal assault, threats, fear

Neglect

- Denial of food, clothing, shelter, healthcare needs
- Unable to provide for basic needs

Self-Neglect

- Malnutrition, being unkempt, unmet medical needs, unpaid bills

