

Who Must Report Child Abuse?



Mandated Reporters!

Teachers, Police Officers, Clergy,
Firemen, Social Workers, Doctors,
Nurses, Therapists....



Who Should Report?

Everyone!



Reporting Process



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Reasonable Suspicion* of Child Abuse
That which occurs within the scope of your
employment

*"It is objectively reasonable for a person to entertain 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 child abuse or neglect."

Your Responsibilities



Assessment Not Investigation!

- What did the child tell you?
- Where and when did the incident happen?
- Who was the perpetrator?
- What other information led you to suspect child abuse; what did you see and/or hear?



Report to include:

Your name (mandatory for mandated reporters!)

- Name(s) and age(s) of the child(ren)
- Names and addresses of parent(s), and of alleged perpetrator(s)
- Date, time and location of incident
- Present location of the child
- Location and description of any injury to the child, and if she or he is in the hospital

Where and When to Report

IMMEDIATELY CALL



Child Protective Services:
L.A. County, DCFS : 1-(800)-540-4000

or

Law Enforcement:
Police or Sheriff Department
(not school police),
in jurisdiction where incident occurred



Within 36 Hours

**On-line, Fax or Mail Suspected Child Abuse
Reporting Form (SS 8572)**

To DCFS or Law Enforcement
(to whichever call was made)




To obtain form from the state:

www.ag.ca.gov/childabuse/pdf/ss_8572.pdf

Confidentiality


Identities are kept confidential
From the subject of the report
and
From the reporter's employer

Will be released only if requested by
other CPS Agency
an appropriate licensing agencies
(foster care or adoption)
or
If ordered by the court



Types of Child Abuse

- Physical Abuse
- Sexual Abuse/Commercial Sexual Exploitation Children
- General Neglect
- Severe Neglect
- Emotional Abuse



What Do I Do Now?



Have questions and not certain what to do?
Not ready to make a report, but need advice?

Call the Child Protection Hotline
1-800-540-4000
