

MANDATED REPORTING

**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.sdcca.org](http://www.sdcca.org)

Reporting instructions, websites, training links, and more

**County of San Diego, Child Welfare Services, HHS Child Abuse Hotline (24 Hours)**

(800) 344-6000  
(858) 560-2191

**County of San Diego, Aging and Independence Services, HHS 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.sdcca.org](http://www.sdcca.org)**



**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.sdcca.org](http://www.sdcca.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.sdcca.org](http://www.sdcca.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

