

SUSPICIOUS INJURY REPORTING

You Have a Legal and Ethical Duty to Report

- Health practioners have a duty to report suspicious injuries to law enforcement
- Mandated reporters cannot be held civilly or criminally liable for making a report. However, it is a crime NOT to report.
- You can make a difference in the lives of individuals suffering from abuse.

Where Can I Learn More?

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

Reporting instructions, websites, training links, and more

Cal OES www.caloes.ca.gov
Reporting form OES 2-920

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 at
www.sdcda.org



Requirements For
Healthcare Workers



San Diego County
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Who Is Mandated To Report?

Health care providers are required to make a report if they provide medical services for a physical condition to a patient whom they reasonably suspect is suffering from a physical injury due to a firearm, or from assaultive or abusive conduct inflicted upon the person.

Reporting is required, whether the patient consents that the report be made or not. Thus, ensuring the victim receives assistance with safety planning and information about local resources before leaving your office is critical.

It's the Law

Cal. Penal code §§ 11160-11163.2

Should I Still Document It In The Medical Record?

Yes. Mandated reporting does not replace the need for thorough documentation in the medical record. Be sure to include any statements made by the patient regarding who inflicted the injury, any history of domestic violence reported by the patient, a map of the patient's body showing the identified injuries and bruises, and a copy of the reporting form submitted to law enforcement.



Reporting Steps

- Inform the patient that you are making the report.
- Immediately, or as soon as practically possible, call the local enforcement agency where the incident occurred to make the report by telephone.
- Fax form OES 2-920 to the law enforcement agency within two working days.

Important Note

- Mandated reporting for child abuse, elder abuse, and sexual assault preempts the need for this report.
- When two or more health care providers have knowledge of a known or suspected instance of violence required to be reported, only one person is required to submit the report.

Domestic Violence Resources

National Domestic Violence Hotline

(800) 799-SAFE (7233)

TTY (800) 787-3224

24-Hour, Confidential

www.ndvh.org

San Diego County District Attorney's Office Victim Services

Central: (619) 531-4041

East: (619) 441-4538

South: (619) 498-5650

North: (760) 806-4079

San Diego Family Justice Center

(619) 533-6000

Center for Community Solutions

(888) 385-4657

YWCA of San Diego County

(619) 234-3164

South Bay Community Services

(800) 640-2933

Women's Resource Center

(760) 757-3500

Community Resource Center

(877) 633-1112