

**Mandatory Abuse Reporting for  
Adults with Developmental Disabilities**

You must **immediately** report the following kinds of abuse:

1. Abandonment: desertion or forsaking by a caregiver/other individual.
2. Death caused by other than accidental or natural means or occurring in unusual circumstances.
3. Financial exploitation: wrongfully taking or threatening to take funds or property; misusing money or failing to use funds for the adult's benefit.
4. Involuntary seclusion: for the convenience of a caregiver or to discipline an adult, including placing restrictions on freedom of movement, unless agreed to by the Individual Support Plan (ISP) team included in an approved Behavior Support Plan (BSP) or included in a brokerages plan's specialized support. Restriction may be permitted on an emergency or short term basis when an adults presence would pose a risk to health or safety.
5. Neglect: failing to provide care, supervision or services that may result in physical or emotional harm, including failing to protect an adult from abuse.
6. Physical abuse: willful infliction of pain, and physical injury caused by other than accidental means, or that appears to be at variance with the explanation given of the injury; physical abuse is presumed to cause pain, even if not expressed.
7. Wrongful restraint: wrongful use of physical or chemical restraint. Emergency situations excluded.
8. Sexual abuse: criminal code sexual offenses, sexual contact with a nonconsenting adult or with an adult considered incapable of consenting to a sexual act; sexual harassment or exploitation including inappropriate exposure to sexually explicit material or language including requests for sexual favors; any sexual contact that is achieved through force, trickery, threat, or coercion; any sexual contact between an employee, provider, caregiver (other than spouse or partner). Any sexual contact between an adult with a developmental disability and a relative of the person with a developmental disability. "Relative" means a parent, grandparent, children, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, half brother, half sister, stepparent, or stepchild. For situations other than those involving an employee, provider or caregiver, sexual harassment or exploitation means unwelcome physical sexual contact and other physical conduct toward the adult.
9. Verbal abuse: threatening significant physical or emotional harm to an adult through oral, written or gestured harassment, coercion, threats, derogatory names, insults or ridicule, threat to withhold services such as food or medicine that.

To report abuse of children with developmental disabilities under 18, call the Child Welfare Office in the county where the child lives.

**Make your report to the local  
Community Developmental  
Disabilities Program:**

**and to a local law enforcement  
agency when there is reason to  
believe a crime has been  
committed:**

**And then report it to your  
employer or supervisor!**

**Your employer may not retaliate for  
a good faith report.**



Print on standard  
8.5 x 11 paper.

Cut as marked along line.  
Remove and discard this  
section.

Fold remaining sheet in  
half to wallet size and keep  
for your reference.