

OT and Responsibility Regarding Elder and Child Abuse in Oregon

Occupational Therapists are mandatory reporters of elder abuse and child abuse.

Go to: <http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/children/child-abuse/Pages/Index.aspx>

Abuse and Neglect **Use 911 for emergencies - if a child is being hurt or is in danger right now.** Abuse and neglect of vulnerable Oregonians is unfortunately more common than many people realize. DHS works hard to help vulnerable Oregonians be healthy and safe, but the public also plays a key role. DHS depends on people to help by reporting suspected abuse or neglect promptly. These links lead to information on different kinds of abuse and neglect, and how to report it. **If someone is being hurt or is in danger right now, call 911 immediately.**

Mandatory Reporting: Although everyone has a responsibility to report suspected abuse and neglect, Oregon state law mandates that workers in certain professions must make reports if they have reasonable cause to suspect abuse or neglect. This includes a video that can help you make the decision about whether you must report or no: [what is mandatory reporting and who must report?](#)

Reporting instructions: [Child abuse reporting instructions for each county in Oregon](#)

What you can do about child abuse:

<https://apps.state.or.us/Forms/Served/de9061.pdf>

Other Resources: <http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/children/child-abuse/Pages/Resources.aspx>

Child Abuse and Reporting Numbers: <http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/children/child-abuse/Pages/Reporting-Numbers.aspx>

Domestic violence information:

<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/abuse/domestic/pages/index.aspx>

Learn more: <http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/abuse/domestic/Pages/definition.aspx>

Note: There are new rules being filed for minimal training for persons providing services to victims of domestic violence:

<http://www.doj.state.or.us/victims/Pages/index.aspx>

Adults Abuse Investigation sand Protective Services: Adult abuse is the abuse of any older adult aged 65 and over and adults with developmental or physical disabilities or mental illness under the age of 65. Abuse can happen in a person's own home or the home of family or friends. It can also occur in a professional care setting such as a nursing facility, a residential care facility, an assisted living facility, an adult foster home, a retirement home or a room and board home.

<http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/spwpd/adult-abuse/Pages/index.aspx>

Aging and People with Disabilities:

<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/spwpd/Pages/index.aspx>

The laws governing abuse of adults with disabilities vary, depending on the type of disability. Abuse and Fraud Information:

<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/abuse/pages/index.aspx>