

Mandatory Reporting For Referral Agencies

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New Reporting Duty

- As of July 1, 2018 Referral Agents are mandatory reporters of elder abuse.
- See HB 2661 (2017)

Your Elder Abuse Reporting Duty

If you have:

1. Reasonable Cause to Believe;
2. Elder* Abuse Has Occurred

**Person 65 or older*

Then You **MUST** Report

ORS 124.060

Legislative Purpose

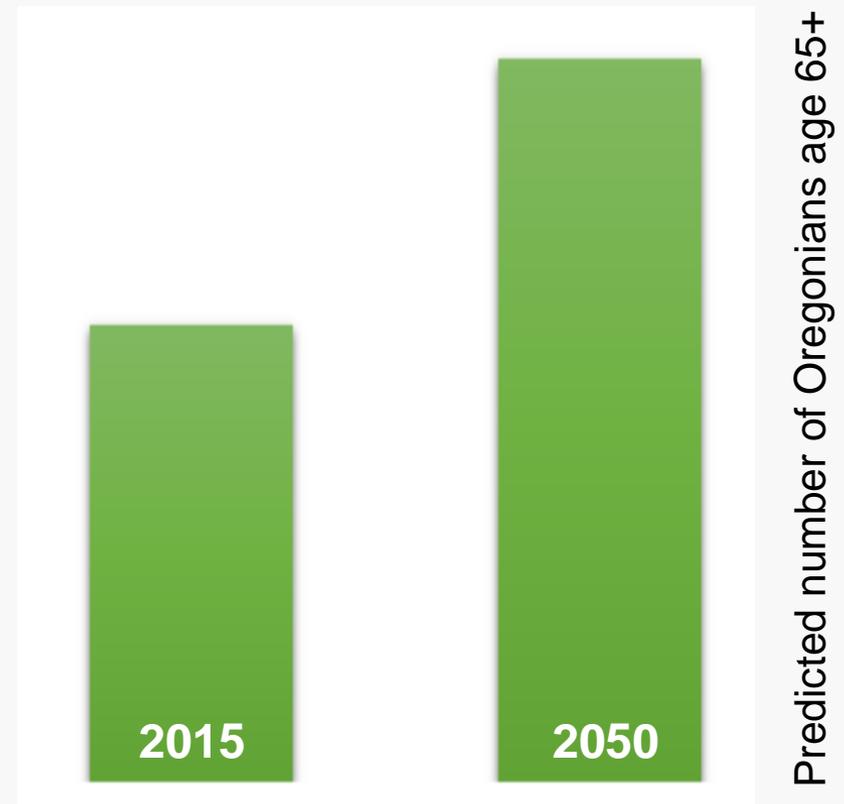
- “The Legislative Assembly finds that for the purpose of preventing abuse, safeguarding and enhancing the welfare of elderly persons, it is necessary and in the public interest to require mandatory reports and investigations of allegedly abused elderly persons.”

ORS 124.055



Projected Growth of Oregon's Seniors

By 2050, the number of Oregonians who are 65+ will almost double (185% growth rate).



Types of Abuse: Physical Abuse



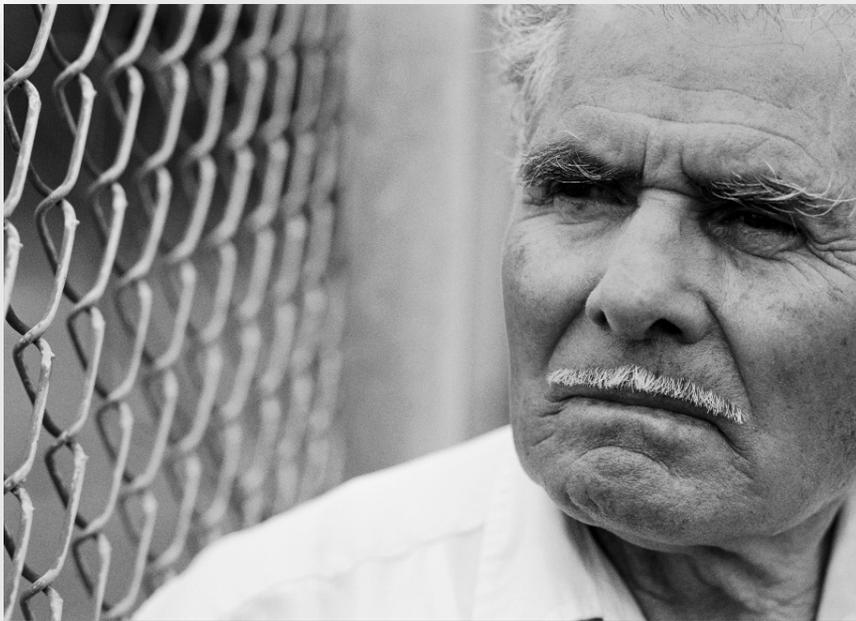
- Using physical force that may cause pain or harm
- A physical injury that is not an accident

Types of Abuse: Neglect



Not providing basic care or health and safety to a vulnerable person when there is a responsibility to do so.

Types of Abuse: Abandonment



Deserting, or leaving a person for whom you have agreed to provide care resulting in a harm, or a risk of serious harm.

Types of Abuse: Verbal or Emotional



Written, spoken, or gestured, directed to the vulnerable person causing significant anguish or distress

Types of Abuse: Financial Exploitation



Taking money, things, or property without permission

Taking medication from the person

Not spending the person's money for their benefit

Types of Abuse: Involuntary Seclusion

Restricting contact or activities with family or friends

Restricting phone, email, or mail

Restricting movement by limiting to an area of the house



Types of Abuse: Physical or Chemical Restraint

Using medication to get a person to sleep early for the convenience of the caregiver

Tying a person to a chair or bed



Types of Abuse: Self-Neglect



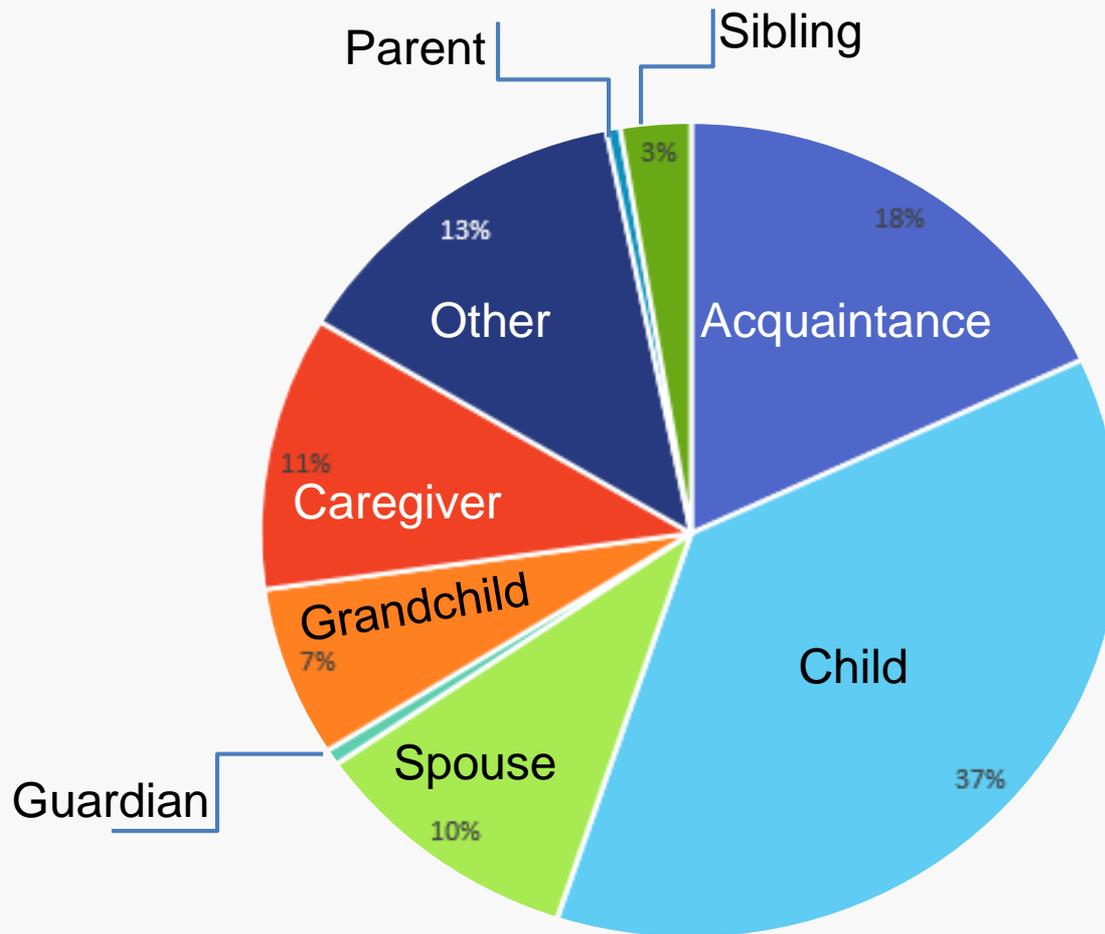
It is a type of neglect

Self-Neglect does not involve wrongdoing

Self-Neglect does involve harm or risk of harm.



Often someone the person knows



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Immunity & Anonymity

- Civil immunity if
 - Report made in good faith and
 - Reasonable grounds for report
- Anonymity of Reporter
 - ORS 124.075, 124.085, 124.090





What do I say?

- You can be anonymous
- You can ask to be notified of the outcome
- Name of victim
- Address of where the event happened
- Describe what you saw or heard
- Name of person you think has been abusive

If you have reasonable cause to
believe abuse has happened

Report without delay

1-855-503-**SAFE**

1-855-503-7233



Law Enforcement Agency

Or

911

In an Emergency Only

Thank you!

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OAAPI

Office of Adult Abuse Prevention & Investigation

 **DHS** | Oregon Department
of Human Services

 **Health**
Authority