



*Each year in Oregon, more than 30,000 reports of child abuse and neglect are made. Nearly 15 children die from abuse. You can help these kids.*

## What does reporting mean?

- ~ You must report any "reasonable suspicion" of child abuse according to Oregon law.
- ~ DHS child protective services will assess the information you give us and take further action, if necessary.
- ~ Your name will be kept confidential. Only a court of law can order a reporter's name released.
- ~ More comprehensive information on the symptoms of abuse and the law is available from DHS.

*You can get this publication in an alternate format for individuals with disabilities by calling 503-945-5702.*

*For additional information on child protective services, visit our Web site at [www.dhs.state.or.us/abuse/children/child\\_protect/index.htm](http://www.dhs.state.or.us/abuse/children/child_protect/index.htm)*

## DHS child welfare offices

County	Local #	Toll-free
Baker	541-523-6423	800-646-5430
Benton	541-967-2060	800-358-2208
Child abuse hotline (Multnomah Co.)	503-731-3100	800-509-5439
Clackamas	503-657-2112	800-628-7876
		800-657-6802
Clatsop	503-325-9179	800-643-4606
Columbia	503-397-3292	800-428-1546
Coos	541-756-5500 x250	800-500-2730
		800-533-4180
Crook	541-447-6207	
Curry	541-247-7036	800-510-0000
Deschutes	541-388-6161	866-249-9263
Douglas	541-440-3373	800-305-2903
Gilliam/Wheeler	541-384-4252	
Grant	541-575-0728	877-877-5081
Harney	541-573-2086	877-877-5450
Hood River	541-386-2962	
Jackson	541-776-6120	
Jefferson	541-475-2292	
Josephine	541-474-3120	800-930-4364
Klamath	541-883-5570	
Lake	541-947-2273	888-811-4201
Lane	541-686-7555	866-300-2782
Lincoln	541-265-8557	800-305-2850
Linn	541-967-2060	800-358-2208
Malheur(Mtn time)	541-889-9194	800-445-4273
Marion	503-378-6704	800-854-3508
Morrow	541-481-9482	
Polk	503-623-8118 x266	877-302-0077
Tillamook	503-842-5571	877-317-9911
Umatilla/	541-276-9220	800-547-3897
Hermiston/Pendleton/Union	541-963-8571	x286
Wallowa	541-426-4558	
Wasco/Sherman	541-298-5136	800-388-7787
Washington	503-648-8951	800-275-8952
Yamhill	503-472-4634	800-822-3903



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## As a Mandatory Reporter ...



*You must report child abuse and neglect*

**Child Abuse Hotline  
757-5019**

# Oregon law recognizes these types of abuse:

## Physical injury

- ~ Bruises, welts, burns, cuts, broken bones, sprains, bites, etc., which are deliberately inflicted.
- ~ Injuries may:
  - Be in the shape of the article used (electric cord, belt buckle, etc.).
  - Not match children's description of how they occurred (fracture from falling off sofa, etc.).

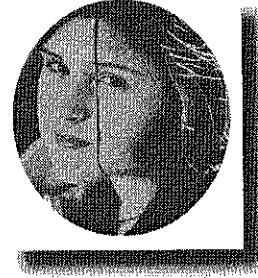


## Neglect

- ~ Failure to provide food, shelter, medicine, etc., to such a degree that a child's health and safety are endangered.
- ~ Children often:
  - Don't want to leave school.
  - Are constantly tired.
  - Are left alone with no supervision.
  - Have unmet physical, emotional or medical needs.

## Sexual abuse and sexual exploitation

- ~ Any sexual contact in which a child or teen younger than 18 years is used to sexually stimulate another person is illegal. This may be anything from rape to fondling to involving a child in pornography.
- ~ Children often have:
  - Poor peer relationships, fantasy or infantile behavior, fear of being left with someone.
  - Inappropriate interest in, knowledge of or acting out of sexual matters.
  - Any of the behavioral problems listed under "Mental injury."



## Threat of harm

- ~ Threat of harm is subjecting a child to a substantial risk of harm to the child's health or welfare.
- ~ The presence of domestic violence is a risk for children.
- ~ Children may exhibit any of the behaviors listed on this page.

## Mental injury

- ~ A continuing pattern of rejecting, terrorizing, ignoring, isolating or corrupting a child, resulting in serious damage to the child.
- ~ Children often:
  - Have speech or sleep disorders.
  - Fail to grow normally.
  - Are very aggressive or withdrawn.
  - Show an abnormal need for emotional support.

## Child selling

- ~ Buying, selling or trading for legal or physical custody of a child.
- ~ Does not apply to legitimate adoption or domestic relations planning



If you think a child is being abused, you must report it to a Department of Human Services office or a law enforcement agency. Nearly three-quarters of children are referred to DHS by mandatory reporters. You may be their best hope.