

# *As a Mandatory Reporter ...*

## *You must report child abuse and neglect*

### *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  - Are very aggressive or withdrawn.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.

## 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.

*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.*



## DHS child welfare offices

County	Local #	Toll-free
Baker .....	541-523-6423.....	800-646-5430
Benton .....	541-967-2085	
Clackamas.....	503-657-6802.....	800-628-7876
Clatsop .....		877-302-0077
Columbia.....	503-397-3292.....	800-428-1546
Coos .....	541-756-5500.....	800-500-2730
Crook.....	541-693-2700	
Curry .....	541-247-5437	
Deschutes .....	541-693-2700.....	866-249-9263
Douglas .....	541-440-3373.....	800-305-2903
Gilliam .....		800-388-7787
Grant .....	541-575-0728.....	877-877-5081
Harney.....	541-573-2086.....	877-877-5450
Hood River.....	541-386-2962.....	800-388-7787
Jackson.....	541-776-6120	
Jefferson.....	541-693-2700	
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 .....	541-967-2085.....	800-303-4643
Linn .....	541-967-2085.....	800-303-4643
Malheur(Mtn time)	541-889-9194.....	800-445-4273
Marion.....	503-378-6704.....	800-854-3508
Morrow .....	541-481-9482	
Multnomah.....	503-731-3100.....	800-509-5439
Polk .....	503-378-6704.....	800-854-3508
Sherman .....		800-388-7787
Tillamook.....		877-302-0077
Umatilla.....	541-276-9220.....	800-547-3897
Union.....	541-963-8571	
Wallowa .....	541-426-4558.....	866-538-5804
Wasco .....		800-388-7787
Washington.....	503-681-6917	
Wheeler .....		800-388-7787
Yamhill.....	503-472-4634.....	800-822-3903

