



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.

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## DHS Child Welfare Offices

Baker .....	(TOLL-FREE) 800-646-5430
Benton .....	541-757-4121
Clackamas .....	(TOLL-FREE) 800-628-7876
Clatsop .....	(TOLL-FREE) 800-643-4606
Columbia .....	(TOLL-FREE) 800-428-1546
Coos .....	(TOLL-FREE) 800-500-2730
Crook .....	541-447-6207
Curry .....	(TOLL-FREE) 800-510-0000
Deschutes .....	541-388-6161
Douglas .....	(TOLL-FREE) 800-305-2903
Gilliam-Wheeler .....	541-384-4252
Grant .....	541-575-0728
Harney .....	541-573-2086
Hood River .....	541-386-2962
Jackson .....	541-776-6120
Jefferson .....	541-475-2292x310
Josephine .....	(TOLL-FREE) 800-930-4364
Klamath .....	541-883-5570
Lake .....	(TOLL-FREE) 888-811-4201
Lane .....	(TOLL-FREE) 866-300-2782
Lincoln .....	(TOLL-FREE) 800-305-2850
Linn .....	(TOLL-FREE) 800-358-2208
Malheur .....	(TOLL-FREE) 800-445-4273
Marion .....	(TOLL-FREE) 800-854-3508
Woodburn .....	(TOLL-FREE) 800-358-2571
Morrow .....	541-481-9482
Multnomah Hotline .....	503-731-3100
Polk .....	503-623-8118
Tillamook .....	(TOLL-FREE) 877-317-9911
Umatilla	
Pendleton .....	(TOLL-FREE) 800-547-3897
Hermiston .....	(TOLL-FREE) 877-488-4939
Union .....	541-963-8571x270
Wallowa .....	541-426-4558
Wasco-Sherman .....	541-298-5136
Washington .....	(TOLL-FREE) 800-275-8952
Yamhill .....	(TOLL-FREE) 800-822-3903

# As an Educator ...

## You Must Report Child Abuse and Neglect



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<http://www.scf.hr.state.or.us/cps/index.htm>

# 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 under 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.

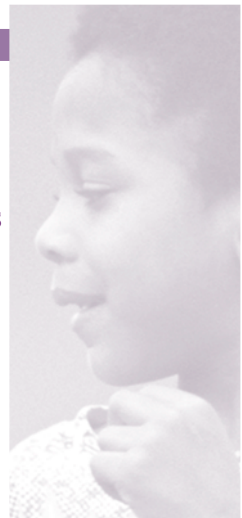
## Mental Injury

- 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 the Department of Human Services child welfare or a law enforcement agency. Nearly three-quarters of children are referred to DHS by mandatory reporters. You may be their best hope.



Help us Help Oregon's Children.