



AM I A MANDATORY REPORTER?

A common question is: “Am I a mandatory reporter?” For some, the answer is clear; for others, it can be confusing.

If you are in a role covered by ORS 419B—or if your organization designates you as a reporter—you are legally (and ethically) responsible for protecting children by reporting suspected abuse immediately both at work and outside of work.

WHO ARE MANDATORY REPORTERS IN OREGON?

(ORS 419B.005–419B.050)

Mandatory reporters include teachers, clergy members, attorneys and many others. Mandatory reporters in special districts include:

- Healthcare providers: physicians, nurses, dentists, psychologists, counselors, social workers
- Law enforcement and emergency responders: police officers, peace officers, firefighters, EMTs
- Employees of childcare centers, preschools, and after-school programs
- Coaches, camp counselors, and trainers of youth athletes
- Elected officials in Oregon and members of state boards or commissions **(this means every board member of a special district is a mandatory reporter and must complete training)**
- Employee of a public or private organization **providing child related services or activities**

Full statute text: https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors419B.html

TRAINING

The Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) provides [**Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse in Oregon training.**](#)

BEST PRACTICES

We encourage all employees of special districts to consider themselves mandatory reporters. Protecting kids is the right thing to do.

- Check with your employer or HR department for specific policies related to mandatory reporting
- Encourage voluntary reporting even if not legally mandated—Oregon law protects anyone who reports suspected abuse in good faith
- Mandatory reporter training should be provided to all employees on a reoccurring basis.

RESOURCES

- DHS - Reporting Child Abuse in Oregon and Available Training -
<https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/report-abuse/pages/mandatory-reporting.aspx>
- DHS Reporting Child Abuse in Oregon Brochure -
<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/de-942051.pdf>
- DHS – What You Can Do About Child Abuse Guide -
<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/de9061.pdf>
- Oregon Child Abuse Solutions – A nonprofit agency working to end child abuseE
<https://oregoncas.org/>
- Stop Non-Consensual Intimate Image Abuse – Free tool to support adult victims
<https://stopncii.org/>
- Take It Down – Free help removing explicit photos of minors
<https://takeitdown.ncmec.org/>

