



El Monte Union High School District

Mandated Child Abuse Reporting

All El Monte Union High School District employees are mandated to report suspected child abuse (see BP 5141.4). Child abuse is legally defined as any act of omission or commission that endangers or impairs a child's physical or emotional health and development. Categories include:

Physical abuse: unlawful corporal punishment or injury.

Emotional abuse: Emotional maltreatment/deprivation; willful cruelty or unjustifiable punishment.

Physical neglect: general and severe neglect.

Sexual abuse: Sexual assault; exploitation.

Indicators of suspected child abuse are listed below to assist in recognizing potential or existing problems.

Physical Abuse:

Bruises, burns, abrasions, lacerations or swelling caused by other than accidental means.

Belt buckle marks, handprints, bite marks, and pinches.

History of recurring injuries.

Unexplained injuries: conflicting explanations or reasons for injury.

Emotional Abuse:

Child is frightened of parents/caretakers or at the other extreme is overprotective of parents/caretakers. Child is frightened of going home.

Child is extremely passive, overly compliant, apathetic, withdrawn or fearful or at the other extreme, excessively aggressive, destructive or physically violent.

Child is clingy and forms indiscriminate attachments, or is wary of physical contact.

Physical Neglect:

Child is lacking adequate medical or dental care.

Child is often sleepy or hungry or appears malnourished.

Child is often unsupervised. The conditions in the home are unsafe or unsanitary.

Sexual Abuse:

Child makes statements about sexual activity with parents, relatives, friends of the family or other adults.

Unusually seductive with classmates and/or adults.

Child shows an early or exaggerated awareness of sex.

Child is known to be a victim of other forms of abuse.

As mandated reporters for suspected child abuse you are **NOT** investigators. Law Enforcement Agencies and the Department of Children & Family Services are child protective agencies and as such, are required to investigate reports of suspected child abuse. All EMUHSD staff members are Mandated Reporters and must report when they become aware of known or reasonable suspected child abuse or neglect in the course of their professional capacity or employment and the victim is under the age of 18, whether the perpetrator is an adult or a child. Immediately contact your supervisor if you have questions.

HOW TO REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES (DCFS)

Los Angeles County reporting information:

(800)540-4000 - Within CA

(213)639-4500 - Outside CA

(800)272-6699 - TDD Online

Reporting: <https://reportChildAbuseLA.org>

Reporting party must follow-up with electronic submission or SCAR Report Form: [SS 8572](#)

WITHIN 36 HOURS of making the initial call.

