

STATEMENT ACKNOWLEDGING REQUIREMENT TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE

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Campus:

California law requires certain people to report known or suspected child abuse or neglect. You have been identified as one of those people – a “mandated reporter.” A summary of mandated reporter categories is provided at Appendix 1. Relevant provisions of the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA) are provided in Appendix 2. The complete statute can be found online at <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=pen&group=11001-12000&file=11164-11174.3>

WHEN REPORTING ABUSE IS REQUIRED

A mandated reporter, who in his or her professional capacity, or within the scope of his or her employment, has knowledge of or observes a person under the age of 18 years (even an enrolled or registered student) who he or she knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse or neglect must report the suspected incident. The reporter must contact a designated agency immediately or as soon as practically possible by telephone, and must prepare and send a written report with 36 hours of receiving the information concerning the incident. [CANRA 11165.6]

ABUSE THAT MUST BE REPORTED

- Physical injury inflicted by other than accidental means. [CANRA 11165.6]
- Sexual abuse meaning sexual assault exploitation of a child. [CANRA 11165.1]
- Neglect meaning the negligent treatment, lack of treatment, or the maltreatment of a child by a person responsible for the child’s welfare under circumstances indicating harm or threatened harm to the child’s health or welfare. [CANRA 11165.3]
- Willful harming or injuring or endangering a child meaning a situation in which any person inflicts, or willfully causes or permits a child to suffer, unjustifiable physical pain or mental suffering, or causes or permits a child be placed in a situation in which the child or child’s health is endangered. [CANRA 11165.3]
- Unlawful corporal punishment or injury willfully inflicted on a child and resulting in a traumatic condition. [CANRA 11165.4]

WHERE TO CALL IN AND SEND THE WRITTEN ABUSE REPORT

Reports of suspected child abuse or neglect must be made to any police department or sheriff’s department (not including a school district police or security department), county probation department (if designated by the county to receive mandated reports), or county welfare department. [CANRA 11165.9] Campus police accept reports. The written report must include the information described in CANRA 11167 (a) and may be submitted on form SS 8572, available online at http://ag.ca.gov/childabuse/pdf/ss_8572.pdf. In addition, an internal report must be made to your supervisor or to the University Compliance Hotline. This internal report may be made anonymously.

IMMUNITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY OF REPORTER AND OF ABUSE REPORTS

Mandated reporters have immunity from criminal or civil liability for reporting as required or authorized by law. [CANRA 11172(a)] The identity of a mandated reporter is confidential and disclosed only among agencies receiving or investigating reports and other designated agencies. [PC 11167(d)(1)] Reports are confidential and may be redisclosed only to specified persons and agencies. Any violation of confidentiality provided by CANRA is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment, fine, or both. [PC 11167.5(a)-(b)]

PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REPORT ABUSE

A mandated reporter who fails to make a required report is guilty of misdemeanor punishable by up to six months in jail, a fine of \$1000, or both [CANRA 11166.5(b)]

COPY OF THE LAW

Prior to my employment at the University of California, my employer provided me with a copy of CANRA sections 11165.7

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

I have knowledge of my responsibility to report known or suspected child abuse or neglect in compliance with CANRA 11166.

Signature	Date
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