



Statement of Mandated Reporter

Child Abuse and Neglect Law (Penal Code § 11166.5) Definitions: The following situations involving individuals under the age of 18 years of age are reportable child abuse and neglect conditions:

- 1) Physical Abuse
- 2) Sexual Abuse
- 3) Child exploitation, child pornography and child prostitution
- 4) Severe or general neglect
- 5) Extreme corporal punishment resulting in injury
- 6) Willful cruelty or unjustifiable punishment
- 7) Abuse or neglect in out-of-home care

Who must Report: Any employee whose duties bring them into contact with children on a regular basis or any supervisor of such and employee is a mandated reporter effective January 1, 2013. This includes nearly all San Diego Community College District employees, including all Coaches and Assistant Coaches.

When to Report: Employees must make a telephone report immediately when the employee observes a child in his/her professional capacity or within the scope of his/her employment and has knowledge of, or has reasonable suspicion that the child has been abused. The employee must submit a written report on a [standard form](#), within 36 hours after the telephone report has been made.

To Whom Do You Report: Employees should report to the San Diego Police Department at **(619) 531-2000** (PLEASE USE **(858) 484-3154** IF YOU LIVE IN THE 858 Area Code). Alternatively, employees may report to the local Police, Sheriff, the Probation Department, or any Child Welfare Agency.

Reporting: Mandated reporters are required to give their names. Child protective agencies are required to keep the mandated reporter's name confidential, unless a court orders the information disclosed.

Immunity: Any legally mandated reporter has immunity when making a report. In the event a civil suit is filed against the reporter, the state will reimburse attorney's fees incurred up to \$50,000 (Penal Code § 11172). In addition, the San Diego Community College District will pay for any mandated reporters' attorney's fees or judgment arising out of any report made in good faith in the course and scope of employment. No individual can be dismissed, disciplined or harassed for making a report of suspected child abuse.

Liability: Legally mandated reporters may be criminally liable for failing to report suspected abuse. The penalty for this misdemeanor is up to six months in county jail, a fine not more than \$1,000 or both. Mandated reporters can also be civilly liable for failure to report.

Notification Regarding Abuse: You are not legally required to notify the parents that you are making a report.

Information: Additional information and training is available through the San Diego Community College District Human Resources Office and Keenan Safe Colleges (<http://sdccd.keenan.safecolleges.com/login>).

I understand that I am a legally mandated reporter. I have reviewed the information above about my obligations to report Child Abuse and Neglect under Penal Code § 11166.5 and will comply with those requirements.

Employee Name (Print)

Signature

Employee ID

Date

Witness Name (Print)

Signature

Date

Note: reporting to San Diego Community College District Campus Police does not fulfill your responsibility.