

BP 5819 ELDER OR DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE REPORTING

References:

Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 15600 et seq., and 15750 - 15766

The Chancellor shall establish procedures related to the reporting of suspected abuse and neglect of elder and/or dependent adults.

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References:

Health and Safety Code Sections 1250, 1250.2, and 1250.3

Penal Code Sections 11174.4 – 11174.9;

Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 9700, 15600, 15610, et seq., and 15750 - 15766

The Riverside Community College District recognizes the responsibility of its staff, as members of the community, to report to the appropriate agency when there is a reasonable suspicion that an abuse or neglect of an elder or dependent adult may have occurred, and encourages everyone to do so.

“Elder,” as defined in Penal Code Section and Welfare and Institutions Code, means any person residing in California who is 65 years of age or older. “Dependent Adult,” as defined in Welfare and Institutions Code, means any person residing in California between the ages of 18 and 64, who has physical or mental limitations that restrict his or her ability to carry out normal activities or to protect his or her rights including, but not limited to, persons who have physical or developmental disabilities or whose physical or mental abilities have diminished because of age. Dependent adult includes any person between the ages of 18 and 64 who is admitted as an inpatient to a 24-hour health facility as defined in the Health and Safety Code.

Elder and dependent adult abuse is defined as a known or suspected instance of physical abuse, sexual abuse, financial abuse, abduction, neglect (including self-neglect), isolation, and/or abandonment involving an elder or dependent adult.

What to Report

Anyone who has observed, suspects, or has knowledge of an incident that reasonably appears to be physical abuse (including sexual abuse), financial abuse, abduction, neglect (including self-neglect), isolation, and/or abandonment, or is told by an elder or dependent adult that he or she has experienced behavior constituting one of the aforementioned conditions should report the known or suspected instance of abuse by telephone immediately, or as soon as practically possible, and by written report sent within two working days to the appropriate agency. Making the report by e-mail is also acceptable.

The written Report of Suspected Dependent/Elder Abuse, as adopted by the California Department of Social Services, is required under Welfare and Institutions Code. It may be mailed or submitted by facsimile or electronic transmission.

Elder and dependent adult abuse reporting forms are available from the Health Services Department on each campus or from the Department of Diversity and Human Resources.

Local elder and dependent adult protective services, *and contact information*, in Riverside County are:

Department of Public Social Services
4060 County Circle Drive
Riverside, CA 92503
<http://dpss.co.riverside.ca.us/dpss>
24 Hour Hotline: 800-491-7123
FAX: 909-358-3364
E-Mail: dpssinquiry@riversidedpss.org

The District will communicate this procedure to all employees.

Office of Primary Responsibility: College Safety and Police

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