



Each year in Oregon, more than 63,000 reports of child abuse and neglect are made. On average 15 children die from abuse and neglect each year. You can help these kids.

What does reporting mean?

- You must report any "reasonable suspicion" of child abuse according to Oregon law.
- DHS child protective services will assess the information you give us and take further action, if necessary.
- Your name will be kept confidential. Only a court of law can order a reporter's name released.
- More comprehensive information on the symptoms of abuse and the law is available from DHS.

This document can be furnished in an alternate format for individuals with disabilities.

Contact: 503-945-5683.

Available formats are large print, Braille, audio tape recording, electronic format and oral presentation.

For additional information on child protective services, visit our Web site at:
www.oregon.gov/DHS/labuse/main.shtml.

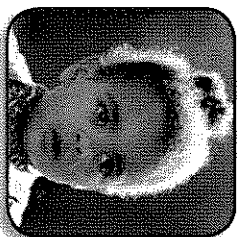
DHS child welfare offices

County	Local #	Toll-free
Baker	541-523-6423	800-646-5430
Benton	541-757-5019	866-303-4643
Clackamas	971-673-7112	
Clatsop		877-302-0077
Columbia		877-302-0077
Cook	541-756-5500	800-500-2730
Crook	541-693-2700	
Curry	541-247-5437	
Deschutes	541-693-2700	866-249-9263
Douglas	541-440-3373	800-305-2903
Gilliam		800-388-7787
Grant		877-877-5081
Harney		877-877-5081
Hood River	541-386-2962	800-388-7787
Jackson	541-776-6120	866-840-2741
Jefferson	541-693-2700	
Josephine	541-474-3120	800-930-4364
Klamath	541-883-5570	
Lake	541-947-2273	888-811-4201
Lane	541-686-7555	866-300-2782
Lincoln	541-757-5019	866-303-4643
Linn	541-757-5019	866-303-4643
Malheur (Mtn time)		877-877-5081
Marion	503-378-6704	800-854-3508
Morrow	541-481-9482	
Multnomah	503-731-3100	800-509-5439
Polk	503-378-6704	800-854-3508
Sherman		800-388-7787
Tillamook		877-302-0077
Umatilla	541-276-9220	800-547-3897
Union	541-963-8571	800-430-7231
Wallowa	541-426-4558	866-538-5804
Masco		800-388-7787
Washington	503-681-6917	800-275-8952
Wheeler		800-388-7787
Yamhill	503-472-4634	800-822-3903

As a
**mandatory
 reporter...**



*You must report child
 abuse and neglect*



DHS

Independent. Healthy. Safe.

Oregon law recognizes these types of abuse:

Physical injury

Including an injury that is inflicted by non-accidental means that results in harm.

Injuries may:

- Be in the shape of the article used (electric cord, belt buckle, etc.).
- Not match child's description of how they occurred (fracture from falling off sofa, etc.).

Neglect

Failure through action or omission to provide and maintain food, shelter, medicine, supervision, protection or nurturance to such a degree that a child's health and safety are endangered.

Examples:

- Unlawful exposure of a child to a substance that subjects the child to severe harm.
- Serious inattention to a child's need for affection, support, nurturing or emotional development.
- Child left alone with no supervision.
- Unmet physical, emotional or medical needs.

Sexual abuse and sexual exploitation



Any sexual contact in which a child or teen younger than 18 years is used to sexually stimulate another person is illegal. This may be anything from rape to fondling to involving a child in pornography.

Children may have:

- Poor peer relationships, fantasies, infantile behavior, or fear of being left with someone.
- Inappropriate interest in, knowledge of or acting out of sexual matters.
- Any of the behavioral problems listed under "Mental injury."

Threat of harm



Threat of harm is subjecting a child to severe harm of physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, mental injury or other child abuse or neglect.

Threat of harm includes witnessing or intervening in domestic violence. Children may exhibit any of the behaviors listed on this page.

Mental injury

A continuing pattern of rejecting, terrorizing, ignoring, isolating or corrupting a child, resulting in serious damage to the child.

Children may:

- Have speech or sleep disorders.
- Fail to grow normally.
- Be very aggressive or withdrawn.
- Show an abnormal need for emotional support.

Child selling



Buying, selling or trading for legal or physical custody of a child.

Does not apply to

legitimate adoption or domestic relations planning.

If you think a child is being abused, you must report it to a Department of Human Services office or a law enforcement agency. Nearly three-quarters of children are referred to DHS by mandatory reporters. You may be their best hope.