

# Adult/Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Reporting Requirements

California Penal Code sections 11160-11174 and Welfare & Institutions Code sections 15630-15632 establish mandated reporter requirements for healthcare professionals. In compliance with the law, AMN Services requires that specified healthcare workers read and acknowledge these obligations, and sign and return this form prior to beginning any California assignment.

The Welfare and Institutions Code provides as follows:

## **For Child Abuse or Neglect**

Any employee who has knowledge of or observes a child in his/her professional capacity or within the scope of his/her employment who he/she knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse or neglect shall report the known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect to a child protective agency immediately or as soon as practically possible by telephone and prepare and send a written report thereof within 36 hours of receiving the information concerning the incident.

## **For Dependent Adult Abuse**

Any employee who in his/her capacity or within the scope of his/her employment, either has observed an incident that reasonably appears to be physical abuse, has observed a physical injury where the nature of the injury, the location on the body or the repetition of the injury, clearly indicates that physical abuse has occurred, or is told by an elder or dependent adult that he/she has experienced behavior constituting physical abuse, shall report the known or suspected instance of physical abuse either to the long-term care ombudsman coordinator or to the local law enforcement agency when the physical abuse is alleged to have occurred in a long-term care facility or to either the County Adult Protective Services Agency or to a local law enforcement agency when the physical abuse is alleged to have occurred anywhere else, immediately or as soon as possible by telephone and shall prepare and send a written report thereof within 36 hours.

## **For Domestic Violence**

Any employee who in his/her professional capacity or within the scope of his/her employment, who has knowledge of or has observed domestic violence or injuries caused by a deadly weapon, or whom he/she knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of domestic violence, shall report the known or suspected instance of domestic violence to the appropriate police/sheriff department and to Adult Protective Services immediately or as soon as practically possible by telephone and to prepare and send a written report thereof within 36 hours of receiving the information concerning the incident.

Your supervisor and facility administration should be notified whenever you believe that you may be required to report child or dependent adult abuse or domestic violence.

If you have any questions regarding this material or your reporting obligations, ask your supervisor.

I certify that I have read and understand this statement and will comply with my obligations under the Child and Dependent Adult Abuse and Domestic Violence Reporting Laws.

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date