



ADMINISTRATIVE **PROCEDURE**

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DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

ELDER OR DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE **REPORTING**

The Desert Community College District recognizes the responsibility of its staff, as mandated reporters and 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.

An “elder” is defined as a resident of the State of California who is 65 years of age or older. A “dependent adult” is defined as a resident of the State of California between the ages of 18 and 64 years who has a physical or mental limitation that restricts his or her ability to carry out normal activities or to protect his or her rights, including those whose physical or mental abilities have diminished because of age.

Any mandated reporter, who, in his or her professional capacity, or within the scope of his or her employment, has observed or has knowledge of an incident that reasonably appears to be physical abuse, abandonment, isolation, financial abuse, or neglect, or is told by an elder or dependent adult that he or she has experienced behavior constituting physical abuse, abandonment, isolation, financial abuse, or neglect, or reasonably suspects abuse, shall report the known or suspected instance of abuse immediately to the Department of Social Services, as required under Welfare and Institutions Code.

Reports are to be called into the 24 hour hotline (800) 491-7123, followed by the submission of the reporting form by fax or US mail. Elder and dependent adult abuse reporting forms are available online at www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/entres/forms/English/SOC341.pdf or in hard copy form at the Student Health and Wellness Center located on the first floor of the Cravens Student Services Center on the COD Palm Desert Campus. Making the report by email is also acceptable.

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
www.dpss.co.riverside.ca.us
24-Hour Hotline: (800) 491-7123
Fax: (951) 358-3969

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

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