



RotaCare Bay Area, Inc.

Abuse Reporting Responsibilities

I, _____, hereby attest that I understand my obligation to report instances of child abuse as required by Penal Code Section 11165-11174 and will fulfill this obligation.

Section 11165-11174 of the Penal Code requires any child care custodian, medical practitioner, or nonmedical practitioner, or employee of a child protective agency who has knowledge of or observes a child in his or her professional capacity or within the scope of his or her employment whom he or she knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse to report the known or suspected instance of child abuse to a child protective agency immediately or as soon as practically possible by telephone and to prepare and send a written report hereof within 36 hours of receiving the information concerning the incident.

“Child care custodian” includes teachers, administrative officers, supervisors of child welfare and attendance, or certified pupil personnel, employees of any public or private school; administrators of a private or public day camp; licensed day care workers; administrators of community care facilities licensed to care for children; head start teachers; licensing workers or evaluators; public assistance workers; employees of child care institutions, including but not limited to, foster parents, group home personnel, and personnel of residential care facilities; and social workers or probation officers.

“Medical practitioner” includes physicians and surgeons, psychiatrists, psychologists, dentists, residents, interns, podiatrists, chiropractors, licensed nurses, dental hygienists, or any other person who is licensed under Division 2 (commencing with Section 500) of the Business and Professions Code.

“Nonmedical practitioner” includes state or county public health employees who treat minors for venereal disease or any other conditions; coroners; paramedics, marriage, family or child counselors; and religious practitioners who diagnose, examine or treat children.

I also understand that I am required to report instances of “Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse” to the Adult Protective Services, the police Department, or the local Family Service Agency.

“Elder” means any person residing in this state aged 65 or older. A “dependent adult” is any person residing in this state, aged 18-64, 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. Anyone aged 18-64 admitted as an inpatient in a 24-hour facility may be considered a dependent adult.

Physical abuse includes assault, battery, unreasonable physical restraint, prolonged or continued deprivation of food or water, or sexual assault.

I must report any incident that reasonably appears to be physical abuse; or if I have observed a physical injury when the nature of that injury, it’s location on the body, or the repetitions of the injury clearly indicates that physical abuse has occurred; or am told by an elder or dependent adult that she or he has experienced behavior constituting physical abuse. Mandated reporters may report other types of abuse when they have knowledge of or reasonably suspect such abuse. Mandated reporters may also report suspicion that the abused adult’s well being is endangered in any way. The reporter is required to give his or his name. The reporter is immune from civil or criminal liability for the report.

Name (please print)

Position Title

Signature

Date