

CALIFORNIA CODES  
WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE  
SECTION 15653-15655.5

15653. (a) Minimum guidelines for use by county adult protective services agencies in determining when an investigation of **abuse** is warranted shall be maintained by the State Department of Social Services in cooperation with representatives of county government, and in consultation with the Department of Aging, the Department of Justice, and other concerned state departments for use by county adult protective services agencies.

(b) Uniform guidelines for local law enforcement assistance with investigations of allegations of **abuse** to elders and dependent adults as developed by the Department of Justice in consultation with the department, the Department of Aging, and other concerned state and local agencies pursuant to Section 15640, as amended by Chapter 769 of the Statutes of 1986, shall remain in effect until modified. Consistent with these guidelines, county adult protective services agencies may seek local law enforcement assistance with investigations of allegations of **abuse** to **elder** and dependent adults.

15653.5. Training for determining when to refer for possible criminal prosecution a report of a known or suspected instance of **abuse** that occurred in a long-term care facility shall be included in the training provided by the Bureau of Medi-Cal Fraud and **Elder Abuse** pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 12528 of the Government Code.

15654. As described in subdivision (h) of Section 12528 of the Government Code, the bureau shall offer training programs to local law enforcement and prosecutorial personnel in investigating and prosecuting crimes against elders and dependent adults, and to the State Department of Health Services, the State Department of Social Services, the county adult protective services agencies and to the long-term care ombudsman program in evaluating and documenting criminal **abuse** against elders and dependent adults.

15655. (a) (1) Each long-term health care facility, as defined in Section 1418 of the Health and Safety Code, community care facility, as defined in Section 1502 of the Health and Safety Code, or residential care facility for the elderly, as defined in Section 1569.2 of the Health and Safety Code, that provides care to adults shall provide training in recognizing and reporting **elder** and dependent adult **abuse**, as prescribed by the Department of Justice. The Department of Justice shall, in cooperation with the State Department of Health Services and the State Department of Social Services, develop a minimal core training program for use by these facilities. As part of that training, long-term care facilities,

including nursing homes and out-of-home care facilities, shall provide to all staff being trained a written copy of the reporting requirements and a written notification of the staff's confidentiality rights as specified in Section 15633.

(2) Each long-term health care facility as defined in Section 1418 of the Health and Safety Code and each community care facility as defined in Section 1502 of the Health and Safety Code shall comply with paragraph (1) by January 1, 2001, or, if the facility began operation after July 31, 2000, within six months of the date of the beginning of the operation of the facility. Employees hired after June 1, 2001, shall be trained within 60 days of their first day of employment.

(3) Each residential care facility as defined in Section 1569.2 of the Health and Safety Code shall comply with paragraph (1) by July 1, 2002, or, if the facility began operation after July 1, 2002, within six months of the date of the beginning of the operation of the facility. Employees hired on or after July 1, 2002, shall be trained within 60 days of their first day of employment.

(b) Each long-term health care facility, as defined in Section 1418 of the Health and Safety Code, shall be subject to review by the State Department of Health Services Licensing and Certification Unit for compliance with the duties imposed in subdivision (a).

(c) Each community care facility, as defined in Section 1502 of the Health and Safety Code, and residential care facility for the elderly, as defined in Section 1569.2 of the Health and Safety Code, shall be subject to review by the State Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing Unit for compliance with the duties imposed in subdivision (a).

15655.5. A county adult protective services agency shall provide the organizations listed in paragraphs (v), (w), and (x) of Section 15610.17, and mandated reporters of suspected financial **abuse** of an **elder** or dependent adult pursuant to Section 15630.1, with instructional materials regarding **abuse** and neglect of an **elder** or dependent adult and their obligation to report under this chapter. At a minimum, the instructional materials shall include the following:

(a) An explanation of **abuse** and neglect of an **elder** or dependent adult, as defined in this chapter.

(b) Information on how to recognize potential **abuse** and neglect of an **elder** or dependent adult.

(c) Information on how the county adult protective services agency investigates reports of known or suspected **abuse** and neglect.

(d) Instructions on how to report known or suspected incidents of **abuse** and neglect, including the appropriate telephone numbers to call and what types of information would assist the county adult protective services agency with its investigation of the report.

(e) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2013, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2013, deletes or extends that date.

15655.5. A county adult protective services agency shall provide the organizations listed in paragraphs (v), (w), and (x) of Section 15610.17 with instructional materials regarding **elder** and dependent adult **abuse** and neglect and their obligation to report under this chapter. At a minimum, the instructional materials shall include the following:

(a) An explanation of **elder** and dependent adult **abuse** and neglect, as defined in this chapter.

(b) Information on how to recognize potential **elder** and dependent adult **abuse** and neglect.

(c) Information on how the county adult protective services agency investigates reports of known or suspected **abuse** and neglect.

(d) Instructions on how to report known or suspected incidents of **abuse** and neglect, including the appropriate telephone numbers to call and what types of information would assist the county adult protective services agency with its investigation of the report.

(e) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2013.