

State of California  
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# MANDATED SUSPICIOUS INJURY REPORT INSTRUCTIONS

## CAL OES 2-920



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**California Clinical Forensic Medical Training Center:**  
(916) 930-3080 or  
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## Suspicious Injury Report Instructions

### INSTRUCTIONS TO HEALTH PRACTITIONERS

Penal Code Section 11160 requires that if any health practitioner, within their scope of their employment, provides medical services for a wound or physical injury inflicted as a result of assaultive or abusive conduct, or by means of a firearm, shall make a telephone report immediately or as soon as possible. They also shall prepare and submit a written report within 2 working days of receiving the information to the local law enforcement agency.

- Report suspicious injuries to your local law enforcement agency by telephone **immediately**, or as soon as practically possible.
- Submit this required completed written report to your local law enforcement agency within two working days of discovering a suspicious injury, whether or not:
  - The person has expired;
  - The injury was a factor contributing to the person's death; or
  - Evidence of the conduct of the perpetrator is discovered during an autopsy.
- Use this standard form or a form, developed and adopted by another state agency, that otherwise fulfills the requirements of this form. See "Exceptions to Using This Form" below
- Two or more health practitioners with knowledge of a suspicious injury may mutually select a team member to make the telephone report and one written report signed by the selected team member. A team member who knows that the selected team member has not made the telephone call or submitted the written report shall make the report(s).
- No supervisor or administrator shall impede or inhibit the required reporting duties, and no person making a report pursuant to this section shall be subject to any sanction for making the report.

### Exceptions to Using This Form

These two mandated state reporting forms pre-empt the use of this form to report suspicious injuries:

Incident	Form	Source of Form
<b>Child Physical Abuse and/or Neglect</b>	<b>SS 8572 also called PC11166</b>	Call California Department of Justice at (916) 227-3285.
<b>Dependent Adult or Elder Physical Abuse or Neglect</b>	<b>SOC 341</b>	Online: <a href="http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/pdf/SOC341.pdf">http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/pdf/SOC341.pdf</a> or contact your local County Adult Protective Services Dept.

### Definitions

**Health Practitioner** – Provides medical services to a patient for a physical condition that he/she reasonably suspects is a suspicious injury as listed below, and is employed in a health facility, clinic, physician's office, local or state public health department, or a clinic or other type of facility operated by a local or state public health department.

**Suspicious Injury** – Includes any wound or other physical injury that either was:

- Inflicted by the injured person's own act or by another where the injury is by means of a firearm; or
- Is suspected to be the result of *assaultive or abusive conduct* inflicted upon the injured person.

**Injury** – Shall not include any psychological or physical condition brought about solely through the voluntary administration of a narcotic or restricted dangerous drug.

**Assaultive / Abusive Conduct** – includes committing, or an attempt to commit, any of the following Penal Code violations:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abuse of spouse or cohabitant</li> <li>• Aggravated mayhem</li> <li>• Administering controlled substances or anesthetic to aid in the commission of a felony</li> <li>• Assault with a stun gun or taser</li> <li>• Assault with a deadly weapon, firearm, assault weapon or machine gun, or by means likely to produce great bodily injury</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assault with intent to commit mayhem, rape, sodomy, or oral copulation</li> <li>• Battery</li> <li>• Child abuse or endangerment (including Statutory Rape)</li> <li>• Elder abuse</li> <li>• Incest</li> <li>• Lewd and lascivious acts with a child</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Murder</li> <li>• Manslaughter</li> <li>• Hayhem</li> <li>• Oral copulation</li> <li>• Procuring any female to have sex with another man</li> <li>• Rape</li> <li>• Sexual battery</li> <li>• Sexual penetration</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sodomy</li> <li>• Spousal rape</li> <li>• Throwing any vitriol, corrosive acid, or caustic chemical with intent to injure or disfigure</li> <li>• Torture</li> </ul> |
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