



**Mandated Reporting
Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse**
Please type or print clearly in blue or black ink.

<u>Employee Name (Last Name, First Name, Initial)</u>	<u>Home Phone Number</u>

**Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Reporting Requirements Physician and
Employee Acknowledgment**

California Welfare and Institutions (W&I) code Section 15659 requires APEX Staffing Service to provide all “health practitioners” and “care custodians” information concerning their responsibility to report incidents of observed, known, or suspected elder and dependent abuse. All health practitioners or care custodians must sign a statement acknowledging receipt and understanding of the **mandatory** elder and dependent abuse reporting requirements. APEX Staffing must retain the signed statement.

Elders are persons 65 years of age or older. Dependent adults are persons between the ages of 18 and 64 with physical or mental limitations such as physical or developmental disabilities or age-diminished physical or mental abilities. The law also expressly includes any person between the ages of 18 and 64 who is admitted as an inpatient to acute care hospital or other 24-hour health facility as dependent adult. (W&I Code Sections 15610.23, 15610.27 and 15701.2)

Abuse of an elder or dependent adult means either of the following:

- (a) Physical abuse, neglect, financial abuse, abandonment, isolation, abduction, or other treatment with resulting physical harm or pain or mental suffering: or
- (b) The deprivation by a care custodian of goods or services that are necessary to avoid physical harm or mental suffering. (W&I Code Section 15610.07)

At APEX Staffing a physician, nurse, and licensed or unlicensed health care professional, including administrative and support staff, who, in his or her professional capacity, or within the scope of his or her employment, has observed or has knowledge of elder and/or dependent abuse, or reasonably suspects elder and/or dependent abuse, shall report by telephone immediately or as soon as practically possible and by written report within two (2) working days as follows:

- (a) to the long-term care ombudsmen or the local law enforcement agency when the abuse is alleged to have occurred in a long-term care facility;
- (b) to the State Department of Mental Health, the State Department of Development Services, or the local law enforcement agency if the abuse is alleged to have occurred in state mental health hospital or state developmental center; or
- (c) to the adult protective services agency or the local law enforcement agency when the abuse is alleged to have occurred anywhere else. (W&I Code Section 15630)

All incidents should be documented and forwarded to the appropriate agency in accordance with local medical center procedures.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS STATEMENT AND WILL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ELDER AND DEPENDENT ABUSE REPORTING LAW.

Employee Signature

Date