

Policy for Reporting Suspected Child Abuse

You should report suspected child abuse if you have reasonable cause to believe (1) that a child with whom you come into contact through an ECAS program has suffered abuse or (2) that any person with whom you come into contact through an ECAS program has abused a child. Suspected child abuse should be immediately reported by phone to either the State of Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) or a local law enforcement agency.

Oregon law provides that anyone participating in good faith in making a report of child abuse and who has reasonable grounds for making the report will have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, that might occur with respect to the making of the report. Under Oregon law, your identity will be kept confidential to the extent allowable by law. If court action is initiated, you may be called as a witness or the court may order that your name be disclosed.

If you are uncertain as to whether to report something, you should consult with ECAS's Compliance Officer. The Compliance Officer's contact information is available on the ECAS website. The Compliance Officer will keep information you provide confidential, but may conclude that s/he should report even if you ultimately decide not to report.