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Everything You Want to Know About Child Abuse Reporting



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Understanding Child Abuse and Requirements for Reporting It



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If an Oregon attorney has reasonable cause to believe that any child with whom he or she comes in contact with has suffered abuse or that any person with whom the attorney comes in contact with has abused a child, that attorney has a statutory duty under ORS 9.114 to report the abuse. Unfortunately, identifying child abuse, even for the seasoned professional who has regular contact with children, is very difficult. Crucial to this determination is establishing whether “reasonable cause” exists—which is linked to an understanding of not only the basic signs of child abuse but the psychology of the victim and the offenders. This presentation will provide an overview of the behavioral and emotional warning signs of physical, emotional, and sexual abuse, including an outline of the psychology of victims and perpetrators of abuse.