

What Is Domestic Violence?

Domestic Violence (DV) is abuse or threats of abuse when the person being abused and the abuser are or have been in an intimate relationship (married or domestic partners, are dating or used to date, live or lived together, or have a child together). It is also when the abused person and the abusive person are closely related by blood or by marriage¹.

Domestic Violence (DV) includes, but is not limited to, the following circumstances²:

- Physical – hitting or burning
- Sexual – rape or incest
- Emotional – threatening, insulting or harassing
- Neglect – poor physical or emotional care

Who Must Report Suspected Domestic Violence

Domestic Violence and/or Abuse (California Penal Code Section 11160 - 11163.6) – Any health practitioner employed in a health facility, clinic, physician's office, local or state public health department who, in his or her professional capacity, or with the scope of his or her employment, provides medical services for a physical condition to a patient whom he or she knows or reasonably suspects is a victim of domestic violence, shall immediately make a report even if the patient denies abuse.

Regal Company Policy: Any employee who, within the scope of their employment, observes or becomes aware of an incident that reasonably appears to indicate abuse must notify their supervisor and report the incident to the appropriate authority.

If Unsure Of Your Status As A Mandated Reporter

If you are unsure whether or not you are a mandated reporter, contact your supervisor.
REMEMBER, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MANDATED REPORTER TO SUBMIT A REPORT!

¹ <https://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-domesticviolence.htm?rdeLocaleAttr=en>

² <https://www.lapdonline.org/domestic-violence-information/>

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When And How To Report:

Immediately or within 48 hours of the incident or when the information is uncovered:

Step 1: Immediately or within 48 hours report the incident by phone to the Police Department in the city where the incident occurred.

Step 2: A written report must be sent within 48 hours to the Police Department in the city where the incident occurred. To download the OCJP 920 form, click on the link: [Suspicious Injury Report](#)

When And How Can Regal Social Workers Help?

What Regal Social Workers CAN Do:

- Provide guidance to other Regal staff regarding the process for filing a DV report
- Support members with any other social service resources or needs identified by the Regal care team and within their scope of work (outlined in the Regal Social Work Referral Form)

What Regal Social Workers CAN'T Do:

- File a DV report on behalf of anyone
- Investigate or gather information about suspected DV abuse or incident
- Find housing or immediate placement for a victim of domestic violence

Resources for Victims of Domestic Violence for additional guidance	
National Domestic Violence Hotline	(800) 799-7233
County	24-Hour Abuse Hotline
Los Angeles	(877) 477-3646
Ventura	(800) 300-2181
Orange	(800) 451-5155
San Bernardino	(877) 565-2020
Riverside	(800) 491-7123
San Diego	(888) 385-4657