

Abuse and Incident Reporting

Are there regulations requiring facilities to report abuse?

Yes, federal regulation (§483.13(c)(1)(ii) and (iii) or F-225) governing long term care facilities state that a facility must report any alleged incidents involving mistreatment, neglect or abuse to the state agency in accordance with state law through established procedures. See Informational Letters [95-1](#) and [98-16](#): Reporting of Abuse, Neglect, or Exploitation.

Idaho Code, Title 39-1301(b) directs facilities to report directly to the Bureau of Facility Standards: <http://www3.state.id.us/cgi-bin/newidst?sctid=390530003.K>.

Do Resident- to-Resident altercations without injury constitute abuse?

Yes, all incidents resident abuse, neglect and misappropriation of resident property must be reported to the Bureau, see Informational Letter 2000-06, Resident-To-Resident Incident Call Line.

How does a facility report incidents of resident-to-resident abuse?

The Bureau of Facility Standards has set-up a Resident-to-Resident incident Call line (208) 364-1899, see Information letter: 2000-06. Resident-To-Resident Incident Call Line

What should be reported?

Types of incidents that should be reported on this line would include all resident-to-resident altercations or abuse.

What information is required to be reported?

- Facility name and address/city
- Date and time of call
- Person placing call
- Date and time of incident
- Name of residents involved
- Outline the incident, describe all injuries incurred
- Outline the facility's plan to prevent any repeat incidents

Is there any follow-up required to calls?

Yes, the facilities are requested to fax (208-364-1888) within 24 hours of the call, the following:

- Facility name and address.
- Copies of the incident/accident or occurrence report including names of witness, injuries sustained, and documentation of family and physician notification
- Names and Social Security Numbers of residents involved

- Results of investigation
- Facility’s corrective action plan to prevent future incidents
- Facility’s contact person in case there are questions or concerns

What is the consequence for failure to report?

The facility would not be in compliance with federal requirements or state law. Refer to Informational Letter [98-16](#). Reporting Of Abuse, Neglect, Or Exploitation, Idaho Code, Section 39-5303

To whom does one report other incidents?

When the incident involves a...	Reporting Agency(s) with in 5 days of incident	Phone
Licensed Nursing Staff, i.e., RN or LPN	Bureau of Facility Standards and	208-334-6626
	Board of Nursing	208-334-3110
Certified Nurse Aide	Bureau of Facility Standards	208-334-6626
Other Employees	Bureau of Facility Standards	208-334-6626
Visitors, i.e., Family and Significant Others	Bureau of Facility Standards and	208-334-6626
	Adult Protection	Regional Specific
Resident to Resident	Bureau of Facility Standards	208-334-6626

What incidents does one report to the local law enforcement?

Per Idaho Statutes, <http://www3.state.id.us/cgi-bin/newidst?sctid=390530003.K>, one is required to report when there is reasonable cause to believe that abuse or sexual assault has resulted in death or serious physical injury jeopardizing the life, health, or safety of a vulnerable adult. Code requires that this be done within four (4) hours to the appropriate law enforcement agency.