

CORRECTIONAL MANAGED HEALTH CARE POLICY MANUAL	Effective Date: 07/8/2015	NUMBER: E-34.4
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REPORTING SUSPECTED ABUSE		

PURPOSE: To ensure that health care workers report any suspected abuse of inmates.

POLICY:

- I. Any suspected abuse of inmates shall be reported to the appropriate authority as specified in accordance with the TDCJ Correctional Institutions Division Safe Prisons Plan. For medical personnel this is usually accomplished by notifying the security shift supervisor and/or the duty warden. The reporting of suspected abuse will be taught in new employee orientation for healthcare personnel and annually thereafter.
- II. The procedure for reporting abuse, including contact information, will be posted prominently in areas readily seen by clinic workers.
- III. Personnel who report suspected incidents of abuse will be protected from retaliation, consistent with whistleblower protections accorded all State of Texas employees.

References: TDCJ PD-32 Whistleblower Act
Chapter 554, Texas Statutes Government Code
TDCJ Correctional Institutions Division Safe Prisons Plan