

ACTION REQUIRED

AB 1690 (ARONER, GOLDBERG, ASHBURN, ET AL) CHAPTER 196, STATUTES OF 2001

Affects: Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE)

Subject: Dependent Abuse Reporting; Training

Summary: This legislation amends the Welfare and Institutions Code ((W&I) to require residential care facilities for the elderly to provide training to facility staff on recognizing and reporting elder abuse. The Department of Justice (DOJ) is required to develop a minimal core training program, including, a video, workbook and brochures. Licensees must ensure that staff are provided a written copy of the reporting requirements and staff's confidentiality rights.

NOTE: This legislation duplicates AB 1499 (Lowenthal), Chapter 414, Statutes of 1999, which applied to Adult Community Care Facilities.

Implementation:

1. The Community Care Licensing Division will provide a current list of licensees to the DOJ for distribution of the training materials. Additionally, CCLD will provide DOJ with an electronic list of new licensees monthly.
2. The Department of Justice will distribute training materials when available. Facilities that have not received training materials by May 2002, should contact the Crime Prevention Unit within the Department of Justice at (916) 324-7863.
3. Training must be completed by July 1, 2002, or within six months of the beginning date of operation of a newly licensed facility. Employees hired after July 1, 2002, shall be trained within 60 days of their first date of employment.
4. Beginning July 1, 2002, as part of the annual licensing visits, Licensing Program Analysts should check personnel files for documentation that the abuse reporting material provided by the Department of Justice has been reviewed by staff. In addition, the personnel file of each employee should contain a completed copy of the revised form SOC 341A acknowledging the employees responsibility and rights regarding abuse reporting.