As a public university, the University of Washington is deeply committed to serving everyone in our community, including the many youth who engage with our campus and staff. Over 94,000 young people under age 18 interact with the UW each year as campus visitors, program participants, patients, clients, and students. University employees and volunteers have a duty to protect the safety and wellbeing of these youth.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
Representatives of higher education are required by law to report suspected child abuse and neglect. At UW, these requirements are outlined in Executive Order 56, which states, “All University employees and volunteers who have reasonable cause to believe that a child has suffered abuse or neglect must report the suspected abuse or neglect.”

EXECUTIVE ORDER 56 ALSO:
- Defines abuse and neglect;
- Prohibits child abuse by any person using University facilities and programs;
- Outlines reporting steps for University employees and volunteers; and
- Includes protections against retaliation for reports made in good faith.

DEFINITIONS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT
- **Physical Abuse:** The non-accidental infliction of physical injury on or physical mistreatment of a child, when it may cause harm to the child's health, welfare, or safety.
- **Negligent Treatment:** An act or failure to act, or the cumulative effects of a pattern of conduct, behavior, or inaction, that evidences a serious disregard of consequences that constitute a clear and present danger to a child's health, welfare, or safety.
- **Sexual Abuse:** Committing or allowing any sexual offense against a child, including intentional touching of sexual or intimate parts for the purpose of sexual gratification.
- **Sexual Exploitation:** Allowing, permitting, or encouraging a child to engage in prostitution, or obscene or pornographic depictions of a child.
- **Abandonment:** A parent or guardian foregoing the responsibility to provide essential care to a child.

REPORTING STEPS
1. **Employee or volunteer suspects child abuse or neglect**
   - Call Law enforcement (UWPD or other jurisdiction)
   - Call DSHS 1-866-END-HARM (363-4276)
2. **Call Safe Campus 206-685-SAFE (7233)**

WHAT TO REPORT
- Information about the child:
  - Name
  - Contact Information
  - Age
  - Parent/Guardian’s Name
- Information about the person suspected of committing the abuse
- Information regarding the incident, disclosure, or observation leading to the report

**You do not have to possess all of the above information to make a report.**

RESOURCES FOR FURTHER SUPPORT
- **UW Office for Youth Programs Development and Support:**
  - [https://www.uw.edu/youthatuw](https://www.uw.edu/youthatuw)
  - uwminors@uw.edu
- **Department of Children, Youth and Families Child Abuse Neglect:**
- **Washington State Department of Social and Health Services’s Guide Protecting the Abused & Neglected Child:**
- **What Mandated Reporters Need to Know About Racial Disproportionality in the Child Welfare System:**
  - [https://youtu.be/fb32deeM4UU](https://youtu.be/fb32deeM4UU) (VIDEO)