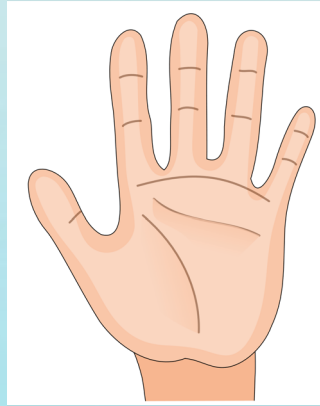
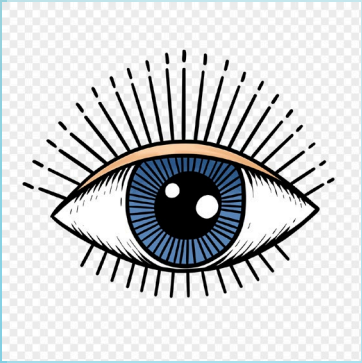




Mandating Reporting

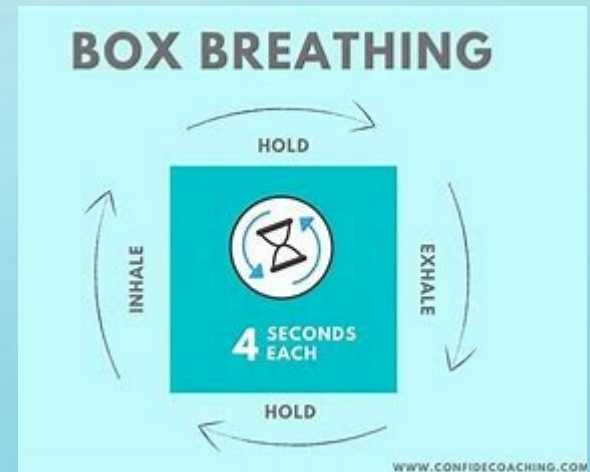
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Join Me In Mindfulness -- Five Senses



Join Me In Mindfulness -- Box Breathing

- Inhale slowly through the nose for a count of four
- Hold breath for a count of four
- Exhale slowly through the mouth for a count of four
- Hold breath again for a count of four
- Repeat for several minutes



Arizona Senate Bill 1437

- How Arizona's new 'mandatory reporting' law aims to protect children from abuse

What is Mandating Reporting?

The A.R.S. § 13-3620 – Mandatory Reporting Statute states:

“any person who **reasonably believes** that a minor *is or has been* the victim of abuse...or neglect...shall **immediately** report or cause reports to be made...to a peace officer *or* to child protective services.”

Mandating Reporting Cont.

Who is considered a child?

- “Minor” (or “child”) means anyone under the age of 18

What is reasonable belief?

- A child discloses to you information indicating sexual or physical abuse or neglect.
- note: Whether you believe the child, does not matter. If they are reporting abuse, you **MUST** report it to law enforcement or DCS.
- If a child recants their disclosure, you must still report.

Who Are Mandated Reporters?

- Physicians, school personnel (now including substitutes), clergy member, social worker, counselor, etc.
- Any other person who has responsibility for the care or treatment of the minor.



Could I Be Punished for Not Reporting Suspected Abuse?

- Failure to report can result in Class 1 Misdemeanor to Class 6 felony
- Fines can also be assessed
- Failure to report can also result in a manslaughter charge

Do

- If possible, talk in a quiet and private space
- Be supportive-no judgement
- Listen
- Document exact quotes
- Report 3rd party disclosures
- If in doubt, report



Do Not

- Notify parent/guardian that you have contacted DCS or Police (**confidentiality**)
- Investigate- You are only allowed to ask:
 - What happened?
 - Who did this to you?
 - Where were you when this happened?
 - When did this happen?
- Assume your responsibility is relieved by reporting disclosure to other staff members. (Individual receiving the disclosure must submit their own report)



Scenario

Megan, (age 6), has had a cough for at least two weeks. It has gotten so bad that her whole body seems to seize up when she coughs. She wheezes and seems exhausted. You are very concerned about her health and have expressed your concerns to her mom. Mom just keeps saying, “It’s getting better. The doctor will just tell me it’s a cold and there’s nothing they can do. It’s a waste of time.”

Is this reportable?

Identify signs that might indicate child abuse or neglect.

Scenario

Roger (13) discloses he started smoking marijuana but asks you to not tell anyone as he does not want to get in trouble. You decide not to tell anyone this information (including parents). The next day you find out Roger has died by an accidental overdose.

Could you be held liable for his death?

Identify signs that might indicate child abuse or neglect.

Scenario

Abby's dad never has much to say when he comes to Abby's school. He seems very guarded and private. When asked to bring in pictures from home for a project, Abby's dad gets very upset that you are violating the family's privacy. Abby says she is not allowed to work on the project or talk about her family.

Is this reportable?

How would you handle this situation?

Scenario

A child discloses abuse or neglect to their teacher. In her diligence, the teacher reports the disclosure to the school nurse, school counselor, and principal.

Is the teacher's duty to report the disclosure to law enforcement and/or DCS relieved?

What should be done?

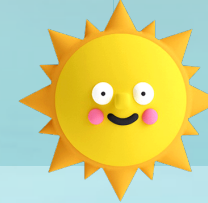
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Any Questions?

Self-Care Calendar



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Take a Walk	Try a New Recipe	Have Coffee or Tea With a Friend	Unfollow Negative Social Media	Meditate
Plant Flowers	Try a New Restaurant	Do a Breathing Exercise	Get a Massage	Take a Bath
Take a Self-Care Day	Drink Water	Start a New Book	Volunteer	Declutter a Space
Thank Someone	Call a Love One	Watch Your Favorite Movie	Take a Nap	Exercise
Spend Time in Prayer	Build a Puzzle	Listen to a Podcast	Start a Gratitude Journal	Put Your Phone on Silence
Say "No"	Set a New Boundary	Learn Something New	Watch a Sunrise	Draw or Color



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