1. STATEMENT OF POLICY:

The Law School, as part of its educational mission, from time to time has programs and services that include children. From time to time, the Law School also allows external organizations to use Law School facilities for programs including children. The protection and safety of the children in these programs is among the highest priorities of the Law School and of the organizations administering these programs.

All students, faculty and staff of the Law School have a duty to immediately report any incidents or suspected incidents of child abuse on campus or at an activity of, or program conducted by, the Law School to Campus Safety and Security at 213-736-1121, whether they are directly observed or reported to them by others.

It is important for every member of our Law School community to clearly understand this imperative and the Law School expectations and/or legal requirements that everyone with knowledge of any abusive action(s) or activity(ies) will report such incidents or suspected incidents of child abuse. The ethos of Law School is that there is an expectation of reporting and that there are no individuals or groups of individuals who are exempt from this standard. The purpose of this policy is to provide students, faculty and staff members guidance regarding how to report witnessed or suspected incidents of child abuse.

2. DEFINITIONS:

“Child,” for the purpose of this policy, means any person under the age of eighteen (18).

“Child Abuse,” for the purpose of this policy, includes but is not limited to any observed or suspected incidents of the following: sexual assault, sexual exploitation, neglect, or the willful harming or injuring of a child or the endangering of the person or health of a child.

“Sexual Assault,” for the purpose of this policy, includes rape, statutory rape, rape in concert, incest, sodomy, lewd or lascivious acts upon a child, oral copulation, sexual penetration, or child molestation. “Sexual Assault” includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

1. Any penetration, however slight, of the vagina or anal opening of one person by the penis of another person, whether or not there is the emission of semen.
2. Any sexual contact between the genitals or anal opening of one person and the mouth or tongue of another person.

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1 The terms, “child,” “sexual assault,” “sexual exploitation,” “neglect,” “severe neglect,” “general neglect,” and “willful harming or injuring of a child or the endangering of the person or health of a child,” are defined pursuant to California Penal Code, §§11165, et seq.
3. Any intrusion by one person into the genitals or anal opening of another person, including the use of any object for this purpose, except that, it does not include acts performed for a valid medical purpose.

4. The intentional touching of the genitals or intimate parts (including the breasts, genital area, groin, inner thighs, and buttocks) or the clothing covering them, of a child, or of the perpetrator by a child, for purposes of sexual arousal or gratification, except that, it does not include acts which may reasonably be construed to be normal caretaker responsibilities; interactions with, or demonstrations of affection for, the child; or acts performed for a valid medical purpose.

5. The intentional masturbation of the perpetrator’s genitals in the presence of a child.

“Sexual exploitation,” for the purpose of this policy, refers to any of the following:

1. Conduct involving matter depicting a minor engaged in obscene acts or employment of minor to perform obscene acts.
2. Any person who knowingly promotes, aids, or assists, employs, uses, persuades, induces, or coerces a child, or any person responsible for a child’s welfare, who knowingly permits or encourages a child to engage in, or assist others to engage in, prostitution or a live performance involving obscene sexual conduct, or to either pose or model alone or with others for purposes of preparing a film, photograph, negative, slide, drawing, painting, or other pictorial depiction, involving obscene sexual conduct. For the purpose of this section, “person responsible for a child’s welfare” means a parent, guardian, foster parent, or a licensed administrator or employee of a public or private residential home, residential school, or other residential institution.
3. Any person who depicts a child in, or who knowingly develops, duplicates, prints, or exchanges, any film, photograph, video tape, negative, or slide in which a child is engaged in an act of obscene sexual conduct.

“Neglect,” for the purpose of this policy means the negligent treatment or the maltreatment of a child by a person responsible for the child's welfare under circumstances indicating harm or threatened harm to the child's health or welfare. The term includes both acts and omissions on the part of the responsible person.

1. "Severe neglect" means the negligent failure of a person having the care or custody of a child to protect the child from severe malnutrition or medically diagnosed nonorganic failure to thrive. "Severe neglect" also means those situations of neglect where any person having the care or custody of a child willfully causes or permits the person or health of the child to be placed in a situation such that his or her person or health is endangered, as proscribed by Section 11165.3, including the intentional failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, or medical care.
2. "General neglect" means the negligent failure of a person having the care or custody of a child to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, medical care, or supervision where no physical injury to the child has occurred.

"Willful harming or injuring of a child or the endangering of the person or health of a child," for the purpose of this policy means a situation in which any person willfully causes or permits any child to suffer, or inflicts thereon, unjustifiable physical pain or mental suffering, or having the care or custody of any child, willfully causes or permits the person or health of the child to be placed in a situation in which his or her person or health is endangered.

“Mandatory reporter,” is defined pursuant to California Penal Code section 11165.7. Mandatory reporters employed by the Law School, include, but are not limited to, “an employee or administrator of a public or private postsecondary institution, whose duties bring the administrator or employee into contact with children on a regular basis, or who supervises those whose duties bring the administrator or employee into contact with children on a regular basis, as to child abuse or neglect occurring on that institution’s premises or at an official activity of, or program conducted by, the institution.”
3. **POLICIES/PROCEDURES:**

All students, faculty and staff of the Law School have a duty to immediately report any incidents or suspected incidents of child abuse to Campus Safety and Security at 213-736-1121 [x1121 on campus], whether they are directly observed or reported to them by others.

**If there is child abuse in progress or an imminent threat of child abuse where it appears that child abuse is likely to take place, emergency assistance should be obtained immediately by contacting Campus Safety and Security at 213-736-1121 [x1121 on campus], and the situation should be immediately reported concurrently to the LAPD by dialing 9-911.**

A student, faculty or staff member who is unsure whether what he/she has witnessed or what has been reported to him/her constitutes child abuse should contact Campus Safety and Security at 213-736-1121 [x1121 on campus] and report the incident. Campus Safety and Security will take appropriate responsive action based on the information provided.

When Campus Safety and Security receives a report of child abuse, the following people should be notified:

- Law School Dean
- If students are involved – Director of Student Affairs, if not available, Associate Dean of Student Affairs;
- If faculty or staff are involved – Director of Human Resources, if not available, Associate Dean of Finance and Administration;
- If vendors, guests or other visitors are involved – Associate Dean for Finance and Administration, if not available, the Associate Dean of Student Affairs.

Campus Safety and Security will notify governmental agencies, as appropriate.

**Mandatory Reporters**

Some individuals, by virtue of their profession are deemed, by law, to be mandatory reporters and are required to report suspected child abuse or neglect to designated state entities. All University employees and administrators who meet the legal definition of, “mandatory reporter,” set forth above must immediately report suspected child abuse or neglect occurring on University premises, or at an official activity or program of the University to LAPD and submit a written report, as defined by state law, to LAPD within 36 hours.

Nothing in this policy is intended to or shall be construed to substitute, relieve or take the place of any reporting requirements imposed by law. The reporting requirements of this policy should be followed in addition to any reporting requirements imposed by law. See Table A, Chart of Reporting Child Abuse Procedures, below.
### Table A: Chart of Reporting Child Abuse Procedures

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<td>Call LAPD by dialing 9-911 immediately or as soon as is practically possible.</td>
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<td>Call the Department of Public Safety at (310) 338-2893 (x82893).</td>
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<td>Submit a written report, as defined by state law, to LAPD within 36 hours.</td>
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