

Reporting obligations for the safety of minors

- Utah state law includes mandatory reporting obligations that requires any person who “has reason to believe” that a minor has been subjected to abuse or neglect, including sexual abuse, to immediately notify the office of child and family services or a law enforcement agency. (Utah code ann. 62A-4a-403)
- University policy mandates reporting consistent with state law obligations and extends to all faculty, staff, students, volunteers, and authorized adults, whether or not they are involved in a covered program.
- In addition to state law mandated reporting, reports of known or suspected child abuse or neglect by authorized adults and/ or on university premises shall also be made to the university’s public safety at (801) 626-6460 or affirmative action and equal opportunity at (801) 626-6239.
- On receiving a report, the university will take immediate steps to assure the safety of minors and comply with all applicable legal reporting and referral requirements.
- The confidentiality of a report made to the university’s office of equal opportunity and affirmative action of suspected abuse or neglect, including the identity of the person making the report, the person suspected of abuse or neglect, and the child who may have been abused or neglected, will be protected consistent with the university’s legal obligations.

Note: the only exception to the obligation to report child abuse or neglect is for clergy under the conditions set forth in section 62a-4a-403(2) of the utah code.

RESOURCES

CAMPUS

Emergency Response:	911
WSU Campus Police:	801-626-6460
Affirmative Action/ Equal Opportunity	
Barry Gomberg:	801-626-6239
Human Resources:	801-626-6032
WSU Counseling Center:	801-626-6406

LEGAL

2nd District Court	
2525 Grant Ave, Ogden:	801-395-1184
Weber County Attorney’s Office	
2380 Washington Blvd, STE	801-399-8377
Ogden City Justice Court	
310 26th street, Ogden:	801-629-8560
Ogden City Prosecutor:	801-629-8595
Utah Child and Family	
Services Hotline:	1-855-323-3237

OTHER RELATED RESOURCES

Safety of Minors on Campus Policy
www.weber.edu/minors on campus
Policy _ _ _:

Weber State Police www.weber.edu/police

WEBER STATE POLICE DEPARTMENT

3734 Dixon Parkway DEPT 3003
Ogden, UT 84408-3003
Phone: 801.626.6460



Safety of Minors on Campus



Guidelines for Supervisors,
Volunteers, and Chaperones

WEBER STATE
POLICE DEPARTMENT



Purpose and Scope

Purpose: To provide requirements for the safety and protection of minors who are participating in University-sponsored, or programs operated by non-University entities on University Premises.

Scope: Applies to all University Faculty, staff, (regardless of FTE or permanent or temporary employment status) interns, students, volunteers, vendors, Authorized adults, and other individuals who use University Premises.

Definitions

Authorized Adult: an individual who is 18 years of age or older, who is authorized to care for, interact with, supervise, chaperone, or otherwise have access or contact with minors in a covered program.

Minor: A person under the age of 18 years of age who is not enrolled or accepted for enrollment in credit-granting courses at the University.

Covered Program: A program or activity offered or sponsored by any academic or administrative unit of the University, or by a non-University entity operating on University premises that includes minors as participants.

Code of Conduct

Authorized Adults should be positive role models for minors participating in Covered Programs and conduct themselves in a respectful, honest, and caring manner.

At a minimum, Authorized Adults shall not in connection with the covered program:

- a) Engage in abusive conduct of any kind toward, or in the presence of, a minor.
- b) Use any form of physical or corporal punishment to discipline a minor.
- c) Engage in any sexual activity, make sexual comments, tell sexual jokes, or share sexually explicit material or assist a minor in providing access to such material.
- d) Engage in romantic, sexual, or related conversations with minors.
- e) Communicate with a minor participant after the covered program has concluded.
- f) Communicate electronically with minors unless there is an educational or programmatic purpose.
- g) Touch minors in a manner that a reasonable minor or person could interpret as inappropriate or that is prohibited by law.
- h) Be alone with a minor, unless the one-on-one interaction is authorized by the program director and whenever possible should be in a public space.



i) Meet with the minor outside of established times for covered program activities. Invite a minor to the Authorized Adult's home or engage in an overnight visit with the minor.

j) Use, possess or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs while on duty or when responsible for a minor's welfare.

k) Transport a minor in a vehicle unless more than one Authorized Adult is present in the vehicle or multiple minors are in the vehicle at all times through the transportation.

l) Transport a minor in a vehicle for personal reasons not related to the covered program unless there is written authorization from the program director and the minor's parent/guardian.

m) Accept from or give gifts to minors without the knowledge of minor's parent/guardian.

Utah Code Definitions (62a-4a-101, 78A-6-105)

CHILD is a person who is under the age of 18 years of age.

ABUSE means the non-accidental harm of a child; threatened harm of a child; sexual exploitation of a child; or sexual abuse.

NEGLECT is the failure of a parent, guardian, or caregiver to provide for a child's basic physical, medical, educational, or emotional needs.

PHYSICAL ABUSE means abuse that result in physical injury or damage to a child

SEXUAL ABUSE includes activities such as fondling a child's genitals, molestation, penetration, incest, rape, sodomy, indecent exposure, and exploitation through prostitution or the production of pornographic materials.