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Health Care Provider Suspicious Injury Reports to Law Enforcement

The purpose of this Bulletin is to ensure members understand the protocols mandated to health care providers when encountering patients with suspicious injuries.

California state law requires any health care provider to make a telephone report and submit the Cal OES 2-920 (Suspicious Injury Report) form to law enforcement if they provide medical care to a patient who has a wound or physical injury that is known or suspected to be the result of assaultive or abusive conduct, or by means of a firearm. This policy is created to give domestic violence survivors and health care providers a clear understanding of how to make a report to the San Francisco Police Department, and what will happen once a report is made in San Francisco.

How Health Care Providers Shall Communicate with San Francisco Police Department:

Oral Report

- If the patient has a near lethal circumstance and/or a life threatening injury, health care provider shall call 911 as soon as possible.
- If the patient wants to talk to police and wants assistance right away, health care provider shall call 911 as soon as possible.
- If the patient does not have a near lethal circumstance and/or life threatening injury, and does not want immediate police assistance, or does not want to speak to police at all, health care provider shall call San Francisco Police Department Special Victims Unit at 415-553-9220 as soon as possible, and speak to Special Victims Unit representative, or follow instructions on the voicemail if after hours. Advise patient that police may still contact them, even if patient does not want to speak with police.

Written Report

In all cases, the health care provider will complete a written report which must be filed within two working days and sent to the Special Victims Unit (SVU). This written report (Cal OES2-920 – Suspicious Injury Report, San Francisco

Supplement) may be delivered to SVU by fax to 415-734-3086, by e-mail to sfpd.svumedrec@sfgov.org or by mail to San Francisco Police Department Special Victims Unit, 850 Bryant St., Room 500, San Francisco, CA 94103.

In the event a District Station receives the written report (Report Cal OES2-920) and the report is domestic violence related, the station will forward the report to Special Victims Unit via fax or e-mail without delay. If the report is not domestic violence related, it shall be forwarded to the Station Investigative Lieutenant for follow up.



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Per DB 17-080, sworn members are required to electronically acknowledge this Department Bulletin in HRMS.