

## **Adult Abuse**

### **313.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

This policy provides members of the California Department of State Hospitals (DSH) with direction and understanding of their role in the prevention, detection and intervention in incidents of adult abuse. It is the policy of DSH to treat reports of adult abuse as high priority criminal activity that is to be fully investigated regardless of the relationship between the victim and the suspects. For further information refer to Special Order 701.01 (Reporting of Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse). For situations involving end of life decisions, reference Policy Directive 6400 (End of Life Option Act).