# The California Dental Practice Act and You 2022

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California law requires that every dental professional is responsible for understanding and following the regulations and statutes governing the practice of dentistry. Violations can result in loss of license or discipline as well as criminal prosecution.

This course fulfills the California Law requirement for re-licensure (dental, dental hygiene, dental assisting).

**Learning Outcomes**

After completing this course, program attendees should be able to:

* Describe the scope of practice for dentists, dental hygienists and registered dental assistants in California.
* Describe all the aspects of the licensure process for oral health care providers in California.
* Explain the differences between the law and standard of care as they relate to dentistry, dental hygiene and dental assisting.
* Describe the mandated reporter requirements for child abuse and elder abuse.

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Dental Hygiene Board of California Book of Laws and Regulations

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<https://www.dhbc.ca.gov/lawsregs/2020laws.pdf>

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### Dental Practice Act

<http://www.dbc.ca.gov/lawsregs/index.shtml#dpa> California Business and Professions *Code*

Section 1600 – 1996.6 California Code of *Regulations*

Title 16, Division 10, Section 1000

 California Dental Association Table of Permitted Duties for Dental Auxiliaries

 Includes all levels of dental assisting, RDH, RDHAP, RDHEF

 www.cda.org/Portals/0/practice\_support/regulatory\_compliance/table-of-permitted-duties.pdf

### Mandated Reporting Laws

**Child Abuse; CA Penal Code Article 2.5, Sections 11164-11174.3**

***Reporting Responsibilities:***

Verbal report to designated agency immediately or ASAP

Any police or sheriff’s department, the county probation department or the county welfare department Written report within 36 hours, Form SS8572

**Elder/ Dependent Adult Abuse, California Department of Social Services**, **California Welfare and Institutions Code sections 15630, 15658**

Elder: Any person 65 years and older; Dependent adult: Any person between the ages of 18-64 with physical or mental limitations restricting the ability to carry out Activities of Daily Living, any person between the ages of 18-64 who is admitted as an inpatient to a 24- hour health facility

### Reporting Responsibilities:

Verbal report to appropriate agency: Adult Protective Services, Long-Term Care Ombudsman, CA Dept of Mental Health, CA Dept of Developmental Services

Written report within 2 working days SOC 341

## Domestic abuse/violence

Contact local law enforcement agency; National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-7