

MUI Rule Definitions Interpretation

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MUI means the alleged, suspected or actual occurrence of an incident when there is reason to believe the health or safety of an individual may be adversely affected or an individual may be placed at a reasonable risk of harm.

For persons served by the Developmental Disabilities system, MUIs are filed in all cases of Abuse, Neglect, Exploitation, Misappropriation, Prohibited Sexual Relations, and Failure to Report. Other categories of MUIs are filed when the incident occurs with an Developmental Disabilities license or certified provider or in county board operated programs.

TYPE/ DEFINITION	PROBES	EXAMPLES
<p><u>Abuse</u></p> <p>Physical force that can reasonably be expected to result in physical harm or serious physical harm as defined in section 2901.01, through actions that include but are not limited to, hitting, slapping, pushing or throwing objects at an individual.</p>	<p>~The level of force could reasonably result in harm.</p> <p>~Law enforcement is contacted when the situation is an alleged crime.</p>	<p>~The care provider allegedly slaps the individual in the face leaving a red mark.</p> <p>~Staff pulls the individual's arm behind the individual's back, dislocating the individual's shoulder.</p> <p>~The individual was held under water for about a minute.</p> <p>~Staff threw a wooden-handled brush at the individual, hitting the individual's forehead.</p> <p>~A neighbor is seen kicking an individual repeatedly in the back.</p> <p>~Staff roughly pushed the individual against locker, causing the individual to hit his head on the locker.</p> <p>~Teacher noted what appears to be cigarette burns on a 7-year-old individual's shoulder blades.</p> <p>~Staff throws a punch at the individual, the individual ducks the punch.</p>
<p><u>Sexual Abuse</u></p> <p>Unlawful sexual conduct or sexual contact as defined in ORC 2907.01 and the commission of any act prohibited by ORC 2907.09, such as, public indecency, importuning and voyeurism.</p>	<p>~Did the support staff person expose themselves to the individual?</p> <p>~Contact involves touching of an erogenous zone for purpose of arousal or gratification of either person.</p> <p>~Conduct includes oral sex or penetration including digital or with objects.</p>	<p>~The individual alleged an uncle kept touching his "privates."</p> <p>~Staff person is masturbating in front of an individual.</p> <p>~An individual alleges staff made the individual touch the roommate's "private area."</p> <p>~Staff seen stroking the individual's inner thigh in a manner to arouse the individual.</p> <p>~Staff is reported to be fondling individual's breast.</p>
<p><u>Verbal Abuse</u></p> <p>Purposely using words or gestures to threaten, coerce, intimidate, harass or humiliate an individual.</p>	<p>~What was the intent of the words or gestures along with individual's reaction?</p> <p>~What specific words were used?</p> <p>~Were the words threatening, coercive, intimidating, harassing or humiliating to the individual?</p> <p>~Yelling or cursing isn't necessarily verbal abuse.</p>	<p>~The individual alleges that their father threatened to punch him if he did not do the dishes.</p> <p>~Staff threatens to give the individual's dog away if he tells on them for slapping another individual.</p> <p>~Staff reports a co-worker yelling at individuals, swearing and calling them derogatory terms.</p> <p>~Staff reports hearing another staff tell an individual, "If you tell anyone about this, I will throw all of your movies away."</p> <p>~Staff tells the individual, "If you don't go to bed with me, you won't be going to the picnic this weekend."</p>

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<p><u>Misappropriation</u></p>	<p>~ Was there intent to deprive or defraud?</p>	<p>~The individual's bank account shows several unauthorized withdrawals.</p>
<p>Depriving - Defrauding - Obtaining real or personal property of an individual by means prohibited by ORC 2911 and 2913.</p>	<p>~Value of the item does not matter. ~Length of time, if replaced, does not matter. ~Were items or money taken from the individual? ~Does the property belong to the individual? ~Is there reason to believe the money or item was taken?</p>	<p>~The individual's certificates of deposit (CD's) are withdrawn/cashed without individual's knowledge. ~Sister gets a cellular phone with the individual's identification and then runs up bill with personal calls. ~Friend used the individual's ATM card to make unauthorized cash withdrawals. ~Staff eats the T-bone steaks purchased with the individual's funds. ~Staff is seen taking four (4) pairs of jeans out of the individual's closet and placing them in her car. ~There is \$314 unaccounted for when balancing the checkbook. Receipts are missing and the individual denies making or authorizing any purchases; theft is alleged. ~It was discovered someone used the individual's name and SS number to open a credit card account without the individual's knowledge and \$2,199 was charged to the account.</p>