



QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

ERIN'S LAW

Child sexual abuse is a serious public health issue. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), approximately one in four girls and one in 13 boys will experience sexual abuse before the age of 18.

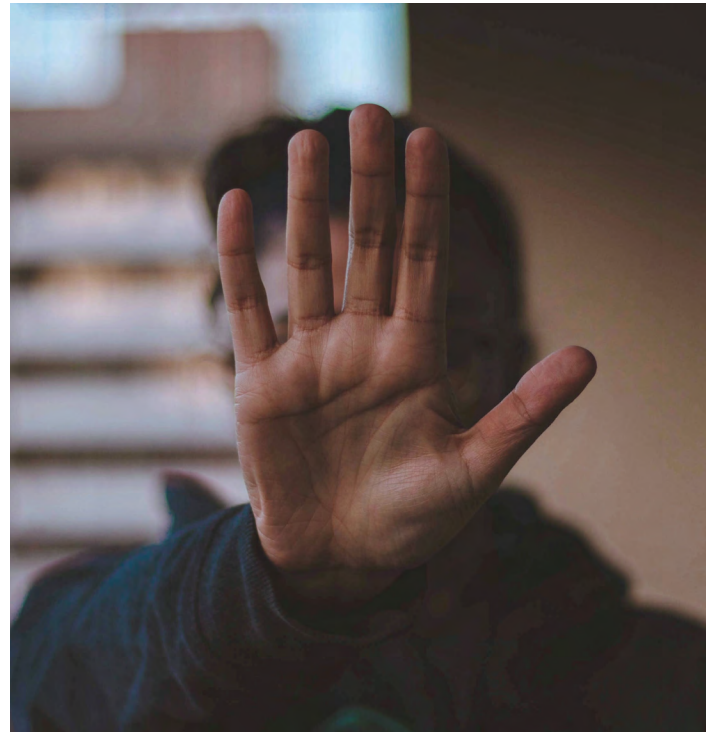
In 2015, Oregon passed Senate Bill 856 mandating a child sexual abuse instruction program in all public schools. Widely known as Erin's Law, it is implemented through ORS 336.059. This statute requires school districts to provide age appropriate, evidence-based instruction focused on preventing child sexual abuse.

Instructional Requirements (Grades K-12): ORS 336.059 Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Instruction

Every school district must implement a child sexual abuse prevention program that includes:

- Developmentally appropriate, culturally sensitive and evidence-based instruction
- A minimum of four instructional sessions per year, building on prior years
- Age-appropriate curriculum must include role play, books, discussions and activities
- Education on:
 - "Safe touch" vs. "unsafe touch"
 - "Safe secrets" vs. "unsafe secrets"
 - How to recognize and report abuse
- Skills that reduce vulnerability and help students recognize abusive behavior
- An evaluation component with measurable outcomes
- A professional training component for school personnel on:
 - Abuse prevention strategies
 - How to receive disclosures
 - Mandated reporting responsibilities
- Parental involvement, including information on:
 - Offender characteristics
 - Grooming behaviors
 - How to talk to children about abuse
- Instruction may be delivered by teachers, counselors or trained external educators, provided the instructors have knowledge of and training in child sexual abuse prevention

All school districts must report compliance with these requirements through their annual Division 22 Standards Report.



Need Support?

For implementation guidance, contact your district curriculum coordinator or the Oregon Department of Education.

Relevant Laws:

[ORS 336.059](#) Child Sexual Abuse Prevention instructional program

[ORS 336.445](#) Human Sexuality Education Courses: criteria

[OAR 581-022-2050](#) Human Sexuality Education

Resources:

[ODE Human Sexuality Education](#)