

650—31.13(272C) Mandatory reporting.

31.13(1) Definitions. For the purposes of this rule, the following definitions apply:

“Knowledge” means any information or evidence acquired from personal observation, from a reliable or authoritative source, or under circumstances that cause the licensee or registrant to believe that there exists a substantial likelihood that an act or omission may have occurred.

“Reportable act or omission” means any conduct that may constitute a basis for disciplinary action under the rules or statutory provisions governing the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene, or dental assisting in Iowa.

31.13(2) Reporting requirement. A report shall be filed with the board when a licensee or registrant has knowledge that another person licensed or registered by the board may have committed a reportable act or omission.

a. The report shall be filed with the board within 30 days from the date the licensee or registrant acquires knowledge of the reportable act or omission. However, in the event such reportable act or omission poses an immediate threat to patient safety, the report shall be filed within 24 hours from the date the licensee or registrant acquires knowledge of the reportable act or omission.

b. The report shall contain the name and the address of the licensee or registrant who may have committed the reportable act or omission, the date, time, place and circumstances in which the reportable act or omission may have occurred, and a statement indicating how the knowledge was acquired.

c. The requirement to report takes effect when a licensee or registrant has knowledge that another licensee or registrant may have committed a reportable act or omission. The final determination of whether or not such act or omission has occurred is the responsibility of the board.

31.13(3) Failure to report. Failure to report knowledge of a reportable act or omission within the required time period shall constitute a basis for the initiation of a board disciplinary action against the licensee or registrant who failed to report.