

# **Court: Spanking a child is OK**

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Spanking one's child does not amount to abuse that warrants judicial intervention, at least as long as the child is not seriously injured or endangered, a state appeals court has ruled.

California law authorizes "reasonable methods of parental discipline," which can include "reasonable and age-appropriate spanking to the buttocks," the Second District Court of Appeal in Los Angeles said Tuesday.

The court told a Juvenile Court judge to reconsider the case of a Los Angeles County woman who was ordered to undergo parental education and counseling after spanking her two young sons with her hand and a shoe.

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