## Mandatory Reporting Requirements: Children

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<td>- Hospitals; &lt;br&gt;- Clinics; &lt;br&gt;- Sanitariums; &lt;br&gt;- Doctors; &lt;br&gt;- Physicians; &lt;br&gt;- Surgeons; &lt;br&gt;- Medical Examiners; &lt;br&gt;- Coroners; &lt;br&gt;- Dentists; &lt;br&gt;- Osteopaths; &lt;br&gt;- Optometrists; &lt;br&gt;- Chiropractors; &lt;br&gt;- Podiatrists; &lt;br&gt;- Physical therapists; &lt;br&gt;- Nurses; &lt;br&gt;- Public and private K-12 employees; &lt;br&gt;- School teachers and officials; &lt;br&gt;- Peace officers; &lt;br&gt;- Law enforcement officials; &lt;br&gt;- Pharmacists; &lt;br&gt;- Social workers; &lt;br&gt;- Day care workers or employees; &lt;br&gt;- Mental health professionals; &lt;br&gt;- Employees of public and private institutions of postsecondary and higher education; &lt;br&gt;- Members of the clergy including any duly ordained, licensed, or commissioned minister, pastor, priest, rabbi, or practitioner of any bona fide established church or religious organization, in each case, who regularly, as a vocation, devotes a substantial portion of his or her time and abilities to the service of his or her church or religious organization except for information gained solely in a confidential, privileged communication; and &lt;br&gt;- Any other person called upon to render aid or medical assistance to any child.</td>
<td>- An oral report, either by telephone or direct communication, must be made immediately, and shall be followed by a written report, to a duly constituted authority. &lt;br&gt;- The website for the Alabama Department of Human Resources provides that all reports shall be made by telephone or in person, and not by email, and contains the telephone numbers for each county to which the report should be directed. The County contact information can be found at (<a href="https://dhr.alabama.gov/county-office-contact/">https://dhr.alabama.gov/county-office-contact/</a>)</td>
<td>- Child Abuse Reporting Act, Ala. Code §§ 26-14-1 et seq.</td>
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<td><strong>Alaska</strong></td>
<td>The following persons, when performing their occupational duties or, with respect to the members of a child fatality review team, their appointed duties, or with respect to volunteers who interact with children in a public or private school for more than four hours a week, their volunteer duties</td>
<td>- Immediately, which means as soon as reasonably possible and no later than 24 hours.</td>
<td>- Alaska Stat. §§ 11.41.434–440, 11.81.900, 47.17.020, 47.17.023, 47.17.024, 47.17.068, 47.17.290.</td>
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nurses, nurse practitioners, certified nurse aides, occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, optometrists, osteopaths, naturopaths, physical therapists, physical therapy assistants, physicians, physician’s assistants, psychiatrists, psychologists, psychological associates, audiologists and speech-language pathologists licensed under AS 08.11, hearing aid dealers licensed under AS 08.55, marital and family therapists licensed under AS 08.63, behavior analysts, assistant behavior analysts, religious healing practitioners, acupuncturists, and surgeons;

School teachers and school administrative staff members, including paid athletic coaches, and volunteer athletic coaches, of public and private schools, (defined as someone who (a) volunteers for more than four hours a week for four consecutive weeks or 20 hours a week for a one month period; (b) has received training under AS 47.17.022 on the recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect, including (1) laws relating to child abuse and neglect; (2) techniques for recognition and detection of child abuse and neglect; (3) agencies and organizations within the state that offer aid or shelter to victims and the families of victims of child abuse or neglect; (4) procedures for required notification of suspected abuse or neglect; (5) the role of a person required to report child abuse or neglect and the employing agency after the report has been made; and (6) a brief description of the manner in which cases of child abuse or neglect are investigated by the department and law enforcement agencies after a report of suspected abuse or neglect; and (c) has signed a form acknowledging that the coach is required to report abuse or neglect under this section);

Peace officers and officers of the Department of Corrections;

Administrative officers of
institutions;
- Child care providers;
- Paid employees of domestic violence and sexual assault programs, and crisis intervention and prevention programs (as defined in Alaska Stat. § 18.66.990), subject to the carve-out below in "Anything else I should know?");
- Paid employees of an organization that provides counseling or treatment to individuals seeking to control their use of drugs or alcohol, subject to the carve-out below in "Anything else I should know?");
- Members of a child fatality review team established under Alaska Stat. § 12.65.015(e) or § 12.65.120 or a multidisciplinary child protection team created under Alaska Stat. § 47.14.300;
- Volunteers who interact with children in a public or private school for more than four hours a week; and
- Juvenile probation officers, juvenile probation office staff, and staff of juvenile detention and treatment facilities.

Arizona

- Physicians, physician’s assistants, optometrists, dentists, osteopathic physicians, chiropractors, podiatrists, behavioral health professionals, nurses, psychologists, counselors and social workers who develop the reasonable belief (see below) in the course of treating a patient, subject to the carve-outs in “Anything else I should know?” below;
- Peace officers;
- Child welfare investigators;
- Child safety workers;
- Members of the clergy, priests or Christian Science practitioners (unless they gained this information by a confidential communication or confession) subject to the carve-outs in “Anything else I should know?” below;
- Parents, stepparents or guardians of a minor;
- School personnel, domestic violence victim advocates, or sexual assault victim advocates who develop the reasonable belief in the course of their employment;
- Any other person who has

- Reports shall be made immediately electronically or by telephone and shall be followed by a written report within 72 hours. To satisfy the reporting statute, immediately reporting requires that the covered individual make the report, or cause the required report to be made, without delay as soon as the person forms a reasonable belief that the child has been abused. Specific knowledge that the incident has been reported by another caregiver satisfies this obligation.

responsibility for the care or treatment of a minor;
• Any person who is employed as the immediate or next higher level supervisor to or administrator of a person who is listed above and who develops the reasonable belief in the course of the supervisor’s or administrator’s employment, except that if the supervisor or administrator reasonably believes that the report has been made by a person who is required to report, the supervisor or administrator is not required to report.

Arkansas
• Any child care worker or foster care worker;
• Coroners;
• Day care center workers;
• Dentists;
• Dental hygienists;
• Domestic abuse advocates;
• Domestic violence shelter employees;
• Domestic violence shelter volunteers;
• Employees of the Department of Human Services;
• Employees working under contract for, or a contractor of, the Department of Human Services when acting within the scope of his or her contract or employment;
• Any foster parent;
• Judges;
• Law enforcement officials;
• Licensed nurses;
• Any medical personnel who may be engaged in the admission, examination, care, or treatment of persons;
• Mental health professionals or paraprofessionals;
• Osteopaths;
• Peace officer;
• Physicians;
• Prosecuting attorneys;
• Resident interns;
• A full-time or part-time employee of a public school or private school, including, without limitation:
  • A school counselor;
  • A school official
  • A teacher;
  • A coach or director of a public or private athletic organization, team, or club;
  • A coach or director of a public or private nonathletic organization, team, or club;
  • A person who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age;

• Reports must be made immediately.

age and volunteers in a public school or private school:
- As a coach or director of a public or private athletic organization, team, or club; or
- As a coach or director of a public or private nonathletic organization, team, or club;
- A person employed as a school official in an institution of higher education;
- Social workers;
- Surgeons;
- Court-appointed special advocate program staff members or volunteers;
- Juvenile intake or probation officers;
- Any clergy member, which includes ministers, priests, rabbis, accredited Christian Science practitioners, or other similar functionaries of a religious organization or a person reasonably believed to be so by the person consulting him or her (except to the extent that the clergy member has acquired knowledge of the suspected child maltreatment through communication required to be kept confidential pursuant to the religious discipline of the relevant denomination or faith or received the knowledge of the suspected child maltreatment from the alleged offender in the context of a statement of admission);
- Employees of a child advocacy center or child safety center;
- Attorneys ad litem in the course of their duties as attorney ad litem;
- Sexual abuse advocates and sexual abuse volunteers who work with a victim of sexual abuse as an employee of a community-based victim service or mental health agency (including a paid or volunteer advocate who is based with a local law enforcement agency);
- Rape crisis advocates and rape crisis volunteers;
- Child abuse advocates and child abuse volunteers who work with a child victim of abuse or maltreatment as an employee of a community-based victim service or mental health agency (including a paid or volunteer advocate who is based with a local law enforcement agency);
• Victim/witness coordinators;
• Victim assistance professionals and victim assistance volunteers;
• Employees of the Crimes Against Children Division of the Department of Arkansas State Police;
• Employees of reproductive healthcare facilities;
• Volunteers at reproductive healthcare facilities; and
• An individual not otherwise identified above who is engaged in performing his or her employment duties with a nonprofit charitable organization other than a nonprofit hospital.
• A Child Welfare Ombudsman

An initial report must be made immediately or as soon as is practicably possible by telephone. The mandated reporter must also prepare and send, fax, or electronically transmit a written follow-up report within 36 hours of receiving the information concerning the incident.

• Any mandated reporter who knows or reasonably suspects that the home or institution in which a child resides is unsuitable for the child because of abuse or neglect of the child shall bring the condition to the attention of the agency to which, and at the same time as, he or she makes a report of the abuse or neglect.

• When two or more persons, who are required to report, jointly have knowledge of a known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect, and where there is agreement among them, the telephone report may be made by a member of the team selected by mutual agreement and a single report may be made and signed by the selected member of the reporting team. Any member who has knowledge that the member designated to report has failed to do so shall thereafter make the report.

• Teachers;
• Instructional aides;
• Teacher’s aides or teacher’s assistants employed by any public or private school;
• Classified employees of any public school;
• Administrative officers or supervisors of child welfare and attendance, or certificated pupil personnel employees of any public or private school;
• Administrators of a public or private day camp;
• Administrators or employees of a public or private youth center, youth recreation program, or youth organization;
• Administrators, board members, or employees of a public or private organization whose duties require direct contact and supervision of children, including a foster family agency;
• Any employee of a county office of education or the California Department of Education, whose duties bring the employee into contact with children on a regular basis;
• Licensees, administrators, or employees of a licensed community care or child day care facility;
• Head Start program teachers;
• Licensing workers or licensing evaluators employed by a licensing agency;
• Public assistance workers;
• Employees of a child care institution, including, but not limited to, foster parents, group home personnel, and personnel of residential care facilities;
• Social workers, probation officers, or parole officers;

• Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act, Cal. Penal Code §§ 11164 et seq.
- Employees of a school district police or security department;
- Any person who is an administrator or presenter of, or a counselor in, a child abuse prevention program in any public or private school;
- District attorney investigators, inspectors, or local child support agency caseworkers (except in certain limited circumstances);
- Peace officers;
- Firefighters, except for volunteer firefighters;
- Physicians, surgeons, psychiatrists, psychologists, dentists, residents, interns, podiatrists, chiropractors, licensed nurses, dental hygienists, optometrists, marriage and family therapists, clinical social workers, professional clinical counselors, and any other persons who are currently licensed under Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code;
- Any emergency medical technicians I or II, paramedics, or others certified under Division 2.5 of the Health and Safety Code;
- Psychological assistants registered under Section 2913 of the Business and Professions Code;
- Marriage and family therapist trainees;
- Marriage and family therapist interns registered under Section 4980.44 of the Business and Professions Code;
- State or county public health employees who treats a minor for venereal disease or any other condition;
- Coroners;
- Medical examiners, or any other persons who performs autopsies;
- Commercial film and photographic print processors (i.e., any person who develops exposed photographic film into negatives, slides, or prints, or who makes prints from negatives or slides, for compensation, including any employee of such a person (but excluding a person who develops film or makes prints for a public agency) subject to the carve-out described under “Anything else I should know?”);
- Child visitation monitors (i.e., any person who, for financial compensation, acts as monitor of a visit
between a child and any other person when the monitoring of that visit has been ordered by a court of law);

- Animal control officers or humane society officers (i.e., any person employed by a city, county, or city and county for the purpose of enforcing animal control laws or regulations or any person appointed or employed by a public or private entity as a humane officer under applicable regulations);

- Clergy members, including priests, rabbis, ministers, religious practitioners or similar functionaries of a church, temple or recognized denomination or organization (except when knowledge or reasonable suspicion is acquired during a penitential communication);

- Any custodian of records of a clergy member;

- Any employee of any police department, county sheriff’s department, county probation department, or county welfare department;

- Employees or volunteers of a Court Appointed Special Advocate program;

- Custodial officers;

- Any person providing services to a minor child;

- Alcohol or drug counselors (i.e., persons providing counseling, therapy, or other clinical services for a state licensed or certified drug, alcohol, or drug and alcohol treatment program (except that alcohol or drug abuse, or both alcohol and drug abuse, is not in and of itself a sufficient basis for reporting child abuse or neglect))

- Clinical counselor trainees registered under the business and professions code;

- A clinical counselor intern registered under the business and professions code;

- An employee or administrator of a public or private postsecondary educational institution, whose duties bring the administrator or employee into contact with children on a regular basis or who supervises those whose duties bring the administrator or employee into contact with children on a regular basis, as to child abuse or neglect
occurring on that institution’s premises or at an official activity of, or program conducted by, the institution;

* An athletic coach, athletic administrator, or athletic director employed by any public or private school that provides any combination of instruction for kindergarten, or grades 1 to 12, inclusive;

* A commercial computer technician as specified in subdivision (e) of Section 11166. “Commercial computer technician” means a person who works for a company that is in the business of repairing, installing, or otherwise servicing a computer or computer component, including, but not limited to, a computer part, device, memory storage or recording mechanism, auxiliary storage recording or memory capacity, or any other material relating to the operation and maintenance of a computer or computer network system, for a fee. An employer who provides an electronic communications service or a remote computing service to the public shall be deemed to comply with this article if that employer complies with Section 2258A of Title 18 of the United States Code (subject to the carve-out described under “Anything else I should know?”);

* Any athletic coach, including, but not limited to, an assistant coach or a graduate assistant involved in coaching, at public or private postsecondary educational institutions;

* An individual certified by a licensed foster family agency as a certified family home; and

* An individual approved as a resource family.

* A qualified autism service provider, a qualified autism service professional, or a qualified autism service paraprofessional.

* A human resource employee of a business subject to Part 2.8 (commencing with Section 12900) of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code that employs minors. For purposes of this section, a “human resource employee” is the employee or employees
designated by the employer to accept any complaints of misconduct.

An adult person whose duties require direct contact with and supervision of minors in the performance of the minors’ duties in the workplace of a business subject to Part 2.8 (commencing with Section 12900) of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code is a mandated reporter of sexual abuse. Nothing shall be construed to modify or limit the person’s duty to report known or reasonably suspected child abuse or neglect when the person is acting in some other capacity that would otherwise make the person a mandated reporter.

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<td>Public or private school officials or employees;</td>
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<td>Social workers or worker in any facility or agency that is licensed or certified pursuant to part 1 of article 6 of title 26 or part 3 of article 5 of title 26.5;</td>
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<td>Commercial film and photographic print processors (see “Anything else I should know?” for additional requirements);</td>
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<td>Firefighters (i.e., an officer or member of a fire department or fire protection or fire-fighting agency of the state, or any municipal or quasi-municipal corporation in Colorado, whether that person is a volunteer or receives compensation for services rendered as a firefighter);</td>
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<td>Victim’s advocates (as defined below);</td>
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An initial report must be made “immediately” upon receiving such information. A written follow-up report shall be made “promptly.”

counselors;  
- Licensed marriage and family therapists;  
- Unlicensed psychotherapists;  
- Clergy members (i.e., priests, rabbis, duly ordained, commissioned, or licensed ministers of a church, members of a religious order, or recognized leaders of any religious body) (but not if the reasonable cause is acquired through a privileged communication);  
- Registered dietitians;  
- Workers in the state department of human services;  
- Juvenile parole and probation officers;  
- Child and family investigator appointed pursuant to section 14-10-116.5 (i.e., a neutral third person appointed upon the motion of a party or on a court’s own motion, to serve the court in this role in a domestic relations proceeding that involves allocation of parental responsibilities);  
- Officers and agents of the state bureau of animal protection;  
- Animal control officer;  
- The child protection ombudsmen;  
- Educators providing services through a federal special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants and children;  
- Directors, coaches, assistant coaches, or athletic program personnel employed by a private sports organization or program. “Employed” means that an individual is compensated beyond reimbursement for his or her expenses related to the private sports organization or program;  
- A person who is registered as a psychologist candidate pursuant to section 12-245-304, marriage and family therapist candidate pursuant to section 12-245-504 (4), or licensed professional counselor candidate pursuant to section 12-245-604 (4), or who is described in section 12-245-217;  
- Emergency medical service providers, as defined in sections 25-3.5-103(8) and 25-3.5-103(12), and certified pursuant to part
| Connecticut | An oral report shall be made by telephone or in person as soon as practicable but not later than 12 hours after the mandated reporter has reasonable cause to suspect or believe that a child has been abused or neglected or placed in imminent risk of serious harm. Not later than 48 hours after making an oral report, a mandated reporter shall submit a written report or electronic report. A mandated reporter who makes an electronic report pursuant to this section shall respond to further inquiries from the commissioner or the commissioner's designee made within twenty-four hours of such report. |

| Connecticut | Any paid administrator, faculty, staff, athletic director, athletic coach or athletic trainer employed by a public or private |

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institution of higher education who is 18 years of age or older, excluding student employees;
Police officers;
Juvenile or adult probation officers;
Juvenile or adult parole officers;
Members of the clergy;
Pharmacists;
Physical therapists;
Optometrists;
Chiropractors;
Podiatrists;
Mental health professionals;
Physician assistants;
Licensed or certified emergency medical services providers;
Licensed or certified alcohol and drug counselors;
Licensed marital and family therapists;
Sexual assault counselor or a battered women’s counselors as defined in section 52-146k of the General Statutes of Connecticut;
Licensed professional counselors;
Licensed foster parents;
Any person paid to care for a child in any public or private facility, child day care center, group day care home or family day care home licensed by the state;
Employees of the Department of Children and Families or any person who, in the performance of such person’s duties, has regular contact with and provides services to or on behalf of children pursuant to a contract with or credential issued by the Department of Children and Families;
Employees of the Department of Public Health;
Employees of the Office of Early Childhood who are responsible for the licensing of child care centers, group day care homes, family day care homes or youth camps;
Any paid youth camp director, or assistant director and staff member who is twenty-one years of age or older;
The Child Advocate and any employees of the Office of the Child Advocate;
any person who is a licensed behavior analyst;
any family relations counselor, family relations counselor trainee or family services supervisor employed by the Judicial
any victim services advocate employed by the Office of Victim Services within the Judicial Department; and
any employee of a juvenile justice program operated by or pursuant to a contract with the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Department.
any person employed, including any person employed under contract and any independent ombudsperson, to work at a juvenile detention facility or any other facility where children under eighteen years of age are detained and who has direct contact with children as part of such employment.

Any person, agency, organization or entity who knows or in good faith suspects child abuse or neglect shall make a report. For purposes of this section, “person” shall include, but shall not be limited to, any physician, any other person in the healing arts including any person licensed to render services in medicine, osteopathy or dentistry, any intern, resident, nurse, school employee, social worker, psychologist, medical examiner, hospital, health care institution, the Medical Society of Delaware or law enforcement agency.

Note: The Delaware Attorney General has indicated that this provision refers to any other person with knowledge, suggesting that everyone is a potential mandated reporter. However, a Delaware state court decision suggested that only those enumerated positions above are mandatory reporters. See Hedrick v. Quest Diagnostics Clinical Labs., 807 A.2d 584, 589-90 (Del. Super. 2002).

A social worker may not disclose any information acquired from a person consulting the social worker in a professional capacity except:
- With the written consent of the person or, in the case of death or disability, the written consent of the person’s personal representative.
- A social worker is not

required to treat as confidential a communication that reveals the planning of any violent crime or act.

- A social worker who knows or reasonably suspects child abuse or neglect must report to the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families.
- If the person waives the privilege by bringing charges against the licensed social worker.
- Because the law is unclear on this issue, everyone should report all instances of suspected child abuse or neglect to avoid any criminal or civil liability.
- No individual with knowledge of child abuse or neglect or knowledge that leads to a good-faith suspicion of child abuse or neglect shall rely on another individual who has less direct knowledge to call the below-referenced report line.

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District of Columbia

Any of the following, when acting in his or her professional or official capacity:

- Child and Family Services Agency employees, agents, and contractors;
- Physicians;
- Psychologists;
- Medical examiners;
- Dentists;
- Chiropractors;
- Registered nurses;
- Licensed practical nurses;
- Person involved in the care and treatment of patients;
- Law-enforcement officers;
- Humane officers of any agency charged with the enforcement of animal cruelty laws;
- School officials;
- Teachers;
- Athletic coaches;
- Department of Parks and Recreation employees;
- Public housing resident managers;
- Social service workers;
- Day care workers;
- Human trafficking counselors;
- Domestic violence counselors; and
- Mental health professionals.

An oral report shall be made immediately, with a written report to follow, if requested by the police or agency or if the abuse involves drug-related activity (except that licensed health professionals, law enforcement officers, or human officers of any agency charged with the enforcement of animal cruelty laws (except an undercover officer) who have reasonable cause to believe that a child is abused as a result of inadequate care, control, or subsistence in the home environment due to exposure to drug-related activity must report such belief immediately in writing to the Child and Family Services Agency).

Florida
- Physicians;
- Osteopaths;
- Medical examiners;
- Chiropractors;
- Nurses;
- Hospital personnel;
- Healthcare professional or mental health professionals;
- Practitioners who rely solely on spiritual means for healing;
- School teachers or other school officials or personnel;
- Social workers;
- Day care center workers, or other professional, child care worker, residential worker or institutional worker;
- Law enforcement officers;
- Judges;
- Animal control officer
- Any person who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused, abandoned, or neglected by a parent, legal custodian, caregiver, or other person responsible for the child’s welfare or that a child is in need of supervision and care and has no parent, legal custodian, or responsible adult relative immediately known and available to provide supervision and care;
- Any person who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused by an adult other than a parent, legal custodian, caregiver or other person responsible for the child’s welfare; and
- Any person who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is the victim of childhood sexual abuse or the victim of a known or suspected juvenile sexual offender.

Reports must be submitted immediately and can be oral, written, or electronically transmitted.
- If the report is of an instance of known or suspected child abuse, these reporting provisions do not apply to health care professionals or other persons who provide medical or counseling services to pregnant children when such reporting would interfere with the provision of medical services.
- The department’s central abuse hotline shall be able to receive all reports of known or suspected child abuse, abandonment, or neglect, by any person, at any hour of the day or night, any day of the week.
- The Department will generally initiate an investigation within 24 hours of receiving a report. However, the Department will initiate an investigation immediately if it appears that:
  1. The immediate safety or well-being of a child is endangered;
  2. The family may flee or the child may be unavailable for purposes of conducting a child protective investigation; or
  3. The facts reported to the central abuse hotline otherwise so warrant.


Georgia
- Physicians licensed to practice medicine, physician assistants, interns, or residents;
- Hospital or medical personnel;
- Dentists;
- Licensed psychologists and persons participating in internships to obtain licensing;
- Podiatrists;
- Registered professional nurses or licensed practical nurses or nurse’s aides;
- Professional counselors, social workers, or licensed marriage and family therapists;
- School teachers;
- School administrators;
- School counselors, visiting

An oral report shall be made immediately, but in no case later than 24 hours from the time there is reasonable cause to believe a child has been abused, by telephone or otherwise and shall be followed by a report in writing, if requested, to a child welfare agency providing protective services, as designated by the Department of Human Services, or to an appropriate police authority or district attorney.
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Any person who, in the course of his or her employment, occupation or practice of his or her profession, comes into contact with children shall report, including, but not limited to, any:

- licensed physician;
- medical examiner;
- dentist;
- osteopath;
- optometrist;
- chiropractor;
- podiatrist;
- intern;
- registered nurse;
- licensed practical nurse;
- hospital personnel engaged in the admission, examination, care or treatment of persons;
- Christian Science practitioner;
- Clergy member of any religious faith, or other similar functionary or employee of any church, place of worship, or other religious organization whose primary duties consist of teaching, spreading the faith, church governance, supervision of a religious order, or supervision or participation in religious ritual and worship;
- school administrator;
- school teacher;
- school nurses;
- school counselor;
- social services worker;
- day care center worker;
- any other child care or foster care worker;
- mental health professional; and
- peace officer or law enforcement official.

Any commercial film or photographic print processor who has knowledge of or observes, within the scope of his or her professional capacity or employment, any film, photograph, video tape, negative or slide depicting a child under the age of 18 engaged in act of sexual
Hawaii

**Any of the following persons, in their professional or official capacity:**

- Any licensed or registered professional of the healing arts or any health-related occupation who examines, attends, treats, or provides other professional or specialized services, including, but not limited to, physicians, including physicians in training, psychologists, dentists, nurses, osteopathic physicians and surgeons, optometrists, chiropractors, podiatrists, pharmacists, and other health-related professionals;
- Employees or officers of any public or private school;
- Employees or officers of any public or private agency or institution, or other individuals, providing social, medical, hospital, or mental health services including financial assistance;
- Employees or officers of any law enforcement agency, including, but not limited to, the courts, police departments, department of public safety, correctional institutions, and parole or probation offices;
- Individual providers of child care, or employees or officers of any licensed or registered child care facility, foster home, or similar institution;
- Medical examiners or coroners;
- Employees of any public or private agency providing recreational or sports activities.
- Commercial film and photographic print or image processors;
- Commercial computer technicians; and
- Members of the clergy or custodians of records therefor; provided that a member of the clergy shall not be required to report information gained solely

**Oral report is to be made immediately. The written report should follow oral report as soon as possible.**

during a penitential communication. When a clergy member receives reportable information from any other source, the clergy member shall comply with the reporting requirements of this section, regardless of whether the clergy member received the same information during a penitential communication. For purposes of this paragraph, “penitential communication” means a communication, including a sacramental confession, that is intended to be kept confidential and is made to a member of the clergy who, in the course of the discipline or practice of the applicable religious organization, is authorized or accustomed to hear those communications, and under the discipline, tenets, customs, or practices of the applicable religious organization, has a duty to keep those communications secret.

**Idaho**

- Any person, including, but not limited to:
  - Physicians;
  - Residents on a hospital staff;
  - Interns;
  - Nurses;
  - Coroners;
  - School teachers;
  - Day care personnel;
  - Social workers; or
  - Other person.

- Must report within 24 hours.

- Id. Code §§ 16-1602; 16-1605; 16-1606; 16-1607.

**Illinois**

- Any of the following persons or entities, having reasonable cause to believe a child known to them in their professional or official capacity may be an abused child or a neglected child:
  - Physician;
  - Resident;
  - Intern;
  - Hospital;
  - Hospital administrator;
  - Personnel engaged in the examination, care and treatment persons;
  - Surgeon;
  - Dentist;
  - Dental hygienist;
  - Osteopath;
  - Chiropractor;
  - Podiatric physician;
  - Physician assistant;
  - Substance abuse treatment personnel;
  - Funeral home director or employee;
  - Coroner;
  - Medical Examiner;

- Must report suspected abuse or neglect immediately.

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- All reports by mandatory reporters must be confirmed in writing to the appropriate Child Protective Services Unit within 48 hours of any initial report.

• Emergency medical technician;
• Acupuncturist;
• Crisis line or hotline personnel;
• School personnel (including administrators and both certified and non-certified school employees);
• Personnel of institutions of higher education;
• Educational advocate assigned to a child pursuant to School Code;
• Member of a school board or the Chicago Board of Education or the governing body of a private school (but only to the extent required in accordance with other provisions of this Section expressly concerning the duty of school board members to report suspected child abuse);
• Truant officers;
• Social workers;
• Social Services administrator;
• Domestic violence program personnel;
• Registered nurse;
• Licensed practical nurse;
• Genetic counselor;
• Respiratory care practitioner;
• Advanced practice nurse;
• Home health aide;
• Director or staff assistant of a nursery school or a child day care center, recreational or athletic program or facility personnel;
• Early intervention provider as defined in the Early Intervention Services System Act;
• Law enforcement officer;
• Licensed professional counselor;
• Licensed clinical professional counselor;
• Registered psychologist and assistants working under direct supervision of a psychologist, psychiatrist, or field personnel of the Department of Health Care and Family Services, Juvenile Justice, Public Health, Human Services,
Corrections, Human Rights, or Children and Family Services;
- Supervisor and administrator of general assistance under the Illinois Public Aid Code;
- Probation officer;
- Animal control officer or Illinois Department of Agriculture Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare field investigator;
- Any other foster parent, homemaker or child care worker
- Any member of the clergy having reasonable cause to believe that a child known to that member of the clergy in his or her professional capacity may be an abused child as a result of a sex offense; and
- Any physician, physician’s assistant, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, medical technician, certified nursing assistant, social worker, or licensed professional counselor of any office, clinic, licensed behavior analyst, licensed assistant behavior analyst, or any other physical location that provides abortions, abortion referrals, or contraceptives having reasonable cause to believe a child known to him or her in his or her professional or official capacity may be an abused child or a neglected child.

Indiana
- Any person.

- An oral or written report of the suspected abuse or neglect shall be made immediately.

Every health practitioner who, in the scope of professional practice, examines, attends, or treats a child, including a health practitioner who receives information confirming that a child is infected with a sexually transmitted disease. A health practitioner includes:

- Licensed physician and surgeon;
- Osteopathic physician and surgeon;
- Dentist;
- Optometrist;
- Podiatric physician;
- Chiropractor;
- A resident or intern in any of such professions;
- A licensed dental hygienist;
- A registered nurse or licensed practical nurse;
- A physician assistant; and
- An emergency medical care provider.

Any of the following persons who, in the scope of professional practice or their employment responsibilities, examines, attends, counsels, or treats a child:

- A social worker;
- An employee or operator of a public or private health care facility;
- A certified psychologist;
- A licensed school employee, certified para-educator, holder of a coaching authorization issued by the state, or an instructor employed by a community college;
- An employee or operator of a licensed child care center, registered child development home, Head Start program, Family Development and Self-Sufficiency Grant Program regulated by the state, or Healthy Opportunities for Parents to Experience Success-Healthy Families Iowa Program;
- An employee or operator of a substance abuse program or facility licensed by the state; and
- An employee of a Department of Human Services institution regulated.

Reports by mandatory reporters must be made both orally and in writing. Reports made by permissive reporters may be oral, written or both. Oral reports shall be made within 24 hours. Written reports shall be made within 48 hours after the oral report.

Iowa Code §§ 232.68, 232.69, 232.70, 232.73, 232.73A, 232.75., 232.77
by the state;
• An employee or
operator of a juvenile
detention or juvenile
shelter care facility
approved by the state;
• An employee or
operator of a foster
care facility licensed
or approved by the
state;
• An employee or
operator of a mental
health center;
• A peace officer;
• A counselor or
mental health
professional (as
defined below); and
• An employee or
operator of a
provider of services
to children funded
under a
federally-approved
medical assistance
home and
community-based
services waiver.
• An employee,
operator, owner, or
other person who
performs duties for a
children’s residential
facility certified
under chapter 237C
• A massage therapist
licensed pursuant to
chapter 152C.

Kansas

• Any of the following
persons:
  • Persons licensed to
practice the healing
arts, dentistry and
optometry;
  • Persons engaged in
postgraduate training
programs approved
by the state board of
healing arts;
  • Licensed professional
or practical nurses;
  • Chief administrative
officers of medical
care facilities;
  • Licensed
psychologists;
  • Licensed masters
level psychologists;
  • Licensed clinical
psychotherapists;
  • Licensed social
workers;
  • Licensed marriage
and family therapists;
  • Licensed clinical
marriage and family
therapists;
  • Licensed professional
counselors;
  • Licensed clinical
professional
counselors;
  • Registered alcohol
and drug abuse
counselors;
• Teachers, school
administrators or
other employees of

• Reports shall be made promptly.
• The report may be made orally and shall be
followed by a written report, if requested.

an educational institution that the child is attending and any member of the board of directors of the Kansas state high school activities association referenced in K.S.A. 72–7114, and amendments thereto, and any person who is employed by or is an officer of such association;
• Persons licensed by the secretary of health and environment to provide child care services or the employees of persons so licensed at the place where the child care services are being provided to the child;
• Firefighters;
• Emergency medical services personnel;
• Law enforcement officers;
• Juvenile intake and assessment workers;
• Court services officers and community corrections officers;
• Case managers appointed under state regulations;
• Mediators appointed under state regulations; and
• Any person employed by or who works as a volunteer for any organization, whether for profit or not-for-profit, that provides social services to pregnant teenagers, including, but not limited to, counseling, adoption services, and pregnancy education and maintenance.

Kentucky

• Any person.
• The following persons are required to also submit written reports, if requested, in addition to an oral report:
  • physician;
  • osteopathic physician;
  • nurse;
  • teacher;
  • school personnel;
  • social worker;
  • coroner;
  • medical examiner;
  • child-caring personnel;
  • resident;
  • intern;
  • chiropractor;
  • dentist;
  • optometrist;
emergency medical technician;
paramedic;
health professional;
mental health professional;
peace officer; and
any organization or agency for any of the above.

Any of the following individuals:
Health practitioner, which is any individual who provides health care services, including a physician, surgeon, physical therapist, dentist, resident, intern, hospital staff member, outpatient abortion facility, podiatrist, chiropractor, licensed nurse, nursing aide, dental hygienist, any emergency medical technician, a paramedic, optometrist, medical examiner, or coroner, who diagnoses, examines, or treats a child or his family;
Mental health/social service practitioner, which is any individual who provides mental health care or social service diagnosis, assessment, counseling, or treatment, including a psychiatrist, psychologist, marriage or family counselor, social worker, member of the clergy, aide, or other individual who provides counseling services to a child or his family (note that in the following limited circumstances, a mental health/social service practitioner shall not be considered a mandatory reporter: (1) when the practitioner is engaged by an attorney to assist in the rendition of professional legal services to that child; (2) when the information that would serve as the basis for reporting arises in furtherance of facilitating the rendition of those professional legal services to that child;

Must report immediately. If mandatory reporter made initial oral report, the reporter must follow with a written report within five days to the local child protection unit of the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services or, if necessary, to the local law enforcement agency.

Mandated reporters should complete the following form: https://mr.dcfs.la.gov/MR_PortalApp.app

The Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services shall communicate as soon as possible all reports involving alleged child victims of sex trafficking to the Louisiana State Police for referral to the appropriate local law enforcement agency for investigation or other action as appropriate.

La. Ch.C. Art. 603, 609, 610, 611; La. R.S. 14:403. LSA-R.S. 14:2(C)
and (3) when the information that would serve as the basis for reporting is documented by the mental health/social service practitioner (which documentation must be retained by the practitioner until one year after the child has reached the age of majority));

- Member of the clergy, which is any priest, rabbi, duly ordained clerical deacon or minister, Christian Science practitioner, or other similarly situated functionary of a religious organization, except that a member of the clergy is not required to report a confidential communication from a person to a member of the clergy who, in the course of the discipline or practice of that church, denomination, or organization, is authorized or accustomed to hearing confidential communications, and under the discipline or tenets of the church, denomination, or organization has a duty to keep such communications confidential. In that instance, he shall encourage that person to report the allegations to the appropriate authorities;

- Teaching or child care provider, which is any person who provides or assists in the teaching, training and supervision of a child, including any public or private teacher, teacher’s aide, instructional aide, school principal, school staff member, bus driver, coach, professor, technical or vocational instructor, technical or vocational school staff member, college or university administrator, college or university staff member, social worker, probation officer, foster home parent, group home or other child care
institutional staff member, personnel of residential home facilities, a licensed or unlicensed day care provider, or any individual who provides such services to a child in a voluntary or professional capacity;

• Police officers or law enforcement officials;

• Commercial film and photographic print processor, which is any person who develops exposed photographic film into negatives, slides, or prints, or who makes prints from negatives or slides for compensation;

• Appointed mediators;

• Appointed parenting coordinators;

• Court-appointed special advocates (CASA) volunteers under the supervision of a CASA program;

• School coaches, including, but not limited to, public technical or vocational school, community college, college, or university coaches and coaches of intramural or interscholastic athletics; and

• Organizational or youth activity provider, which is any person who provides organized activities for children, including administrators, employees, or volunteers of any day camp, summer camp, youth center, or youth recreation programs or any other organization that provides organized activities for children.

Maine

Any of the following adults persons or entities, when acting in a professional capacity:

• Allopathic or osteopathic physician, resident or intern;

• Emergency medical services person;

• Medical examiner;

• Physician’s assistant;

• Dentist;

• Dental hygienist;

• Dental assistant;

• Chiropractor;

• Podiatrist;

• Registered or licensed

• Must make oral report by telephone of suspected abuse or neglect immediately. If requested by the Department of Health and Human Services, must follow with a written report within 48 hours.

• Hospitals and hospital staff, medical professionals, school personnel and law enforcement personnel may submit reports electronically through a portal linked to the Department of Health and Human Services’ comprehensive child welfare information system.

• 22 M.R.S.A. §§ 1-A, 4002, 4009, 4010, 4011-A, 4011-B, 4012, 4014, 4015, 4016, 4017.
practical nurse;  
Teacher;  
Guidance counselor;  
School official;  
Youth camp administrator or counselor;  
Social worker;  
Court appointed special advocate or guardian ad litem for the child;  
Homemaker;  
Home health aide;  
Medical or social service worker;  
Psychologist;  
Child care personnel;  
Mental health professional;  
Law enforcement official;  
State or municipal fire inspector;  
Municipal code enforcement official;  
Commercial film and photographic print processor;  
Member of the clergy acquiring the information as a result of clerical professional work (except for information learned through confidential communications);  
Chair of a professional licensing board that has jurisdiction over mandatory reporters;  
Humane agent employed by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry;  
Sexual assault counselors;  
School bus driver or school bus attendant;  
and  
Family or domestic violence victim advocates.  

Any person who has assumed full, intermittent, or occasional responsibility for the care and custody of the child, regardless of whether that person is compensated.  

Any person affiliated with a church or religious institution who serves in an administrative capacity or has otherwise assumed a position of trust or responsibility to members of that church or religious institution, while acting in that capacity, regardless of whether that person is compensated.
Maryland

- Health practitioner, police officer, educator, or human service worker, acting in a professional capacity in this State.
- Health care practitioner involved in the delivery or care of a substance-exposed newborn.
- Any person.
  - Persons who are not health practitioners, police officers, educators, or human service workers are not required to report suspected abuse or neglect if doing so would violate the attorney-client privilege, if the report would require disclosure of "matter communicated in confidence by a client to the client's attorney or other information relating to the representation of the client," or if doing so would violate any constitutional right to assistance of counsel.
  - The communication was made to the minister, clergyman, or priest in a professional character in the course of discipline enjoined by the church to which the minister, clergyman, or priest belongs; and the minister, clergyman, or priest is bound to maintain the confidentiality of that communication under canon law, church doctrine, or practice.

- For health practitioners, police officers, educators, and human service workers acting in a professional capacity:
  - The oral report must be made by telephone or direct communication as soon as possible; and
  - The written report must be made not later than 48 hours after the contact, examination, attention, or treatment that caused the individual to believe that the child had been subjected to abuse or neglect.
- For all other persons, there are no such requirements specified, and the report may be oral or in writing to the agencies identified above.

Massachusetts

- Any of the following:
  - Physicians; medical interns; hospital personnel engaged in the examination, care or treatment of persons; medical examiners; psychologists; emergency medical technicians; dentists; nurses; chiropractors; podiatrists; optometrists; osteopaths;
  - Allied mental health and human services professionals licensed under Mass. Gen. Laws chapter 112, section 165 (marriage and family therapists, rehabilitation counselors, mental health counselors,

- Must report orally immediately followed within 48 hours by a written report submitted to the DCF.
- If hospital personnel collect physical evidence of child abuse or neglect, the local district attorney and local law enforcement (in addition to DCF) shall be notified immediately.

educational psychologists and applied behavior analysts);
- Drug and alcoholism counselors; psychiatrists; clinical social workers;
- Public or private schoolteachers; educational administrators; guidance or family counselors; school attendance officers;
- Child care workers; persons paid to care for; or work with, a child in any public or private facility, or home or program funded by Massachusetts or licensed by the Department of Early Education and Care that provides child care or residential services to children or that provides the services of child care resource and referral agencies, voucher management agencies, family child care systems or child care food programs; licensors of the Department of Early Education and Care;
- Social workers; foster parents; probation officers; clerk-magistrates of a district court; parole officers;
- Firefighters; police officers; animal control officers;
- Priests; rabbis; clergy members; ordained or licensed ministers; leaders of any church or religious body; accredited Christian Science practitioners; persons performing official duties on behalf of a church or religious body that are recognized as the duties of any of these types of individuals (e.g., priests, rabbis, etc.); persons employed by a church or religious body to supervise, educate, coach, train or counsel a child on a regular basis;
- Persons in charge of a medical or other public or private institution, school or facility or any such person’s designated agent; and
- The Child Advocate appointed by the
| Michigan | • Physician, dentist, physician's assistant, registered dental hygienist, medical examiner, nurse, licensed emergency medical care provider;  
• Audiologist, psychologist, physical therapist, physical therapist assistant, occupational therapist, athletic trainer, marriage and family therapist, licensed professional counselor, social worker, licensed master’s social worker, licensed bachelor’s social worker;  
• Registered social service technician, social service technician;  
• Person employed in a professional capacity in any office of the friend of the court;  
• School administrator, school counselor, teacher;  
• Law enforcement officer;  
• Member of the clergy;  
• Child care provider who is regulated by the state of Michigan;  
• Any employee of an organization or entity that, as a result of federal funding statutes, regulations, or contracts, would be prohibited from reporting in the absence of a state mandate or court order; and  
• The following staff members/employees of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS):  
  • eligibility specialist;  
  • family independence manager;  
  • family independence specialist;  
  • social services specialist;  
  • social work specialist;  
  • social work specialist manager; and  
  • welfare services specialist. | • Reporters must make an immediate oral report by telephone, or, if available, through the online reporting system, followed within 72 hours by a written report.  
• If the immediate report has been made using the online reporting system and that report includes the information required in a written report, that report is considered a written report and no additional written report is required. | • Mich. Comp. Laws §§ 722.622, 722.623, 722.623a, 722.624, 722.625, 722.631, 722.633. |
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| Minnesota | • A professional or professional’s delegate who is engaged in the practice of the healing arts, social services (including employee assistance counseling and the provision of guardian ad litem and parenting time expediter services), hospital administration, psychological or psychiatric treatment, child care, education, correctional supervision, probation and correctional services, or law | • An oral report (by telephone or otherwise) must be made immediately (as soon as possible but in no event longer than 24 hours).  
• Within 72 hours of making an oral report (exclusive of weekends and holidays), the reporter must send a written report. | • Minn. St. §§ 260E.03, 260E.06, 260E.08, 260E.09, 260E.14, 260E.31, 260E.32, 260E.34 |
enforcement; or

- Employed as a member of the clergy and received the information while engaged in ministerial duties, provided that a member of the clergy is not required to report information that is otherwise privileged (from, for example, a confession).
- If the child’s parent, guardian, or other person responsible for the child’s care in good faith selects and depends upon spiritual means or prayer for treatment or care of disease or remedial care of the child in lieu of medical care, the parent, guardian, or caretaker, or a person mandated to report, has a duty to report if a lack of medical care may cause serious danger to the child’s health.
- A licensing board or other entity whose licensees perform work within a school facility, upon receiving a compliant of alleged maltreatment, shall report the alleged maltreatment to the commissioner of education.

Mississippi

- Any person, including, but not limited to, any:
  - attorney;
  - physician;
  - dentist;
  - intern;
  - resident;
  - nurse;
  - psychologist;
  - social worker;
  - family protection worker;
  - family protection specialist;
  - child caregiver;
  - minister;
  - law enforcement officer;
  - public or private school employee; or
  - any other person.

- Must make the oral report immediately by telephone or otherwise, and followed as soon as possible by a written report to the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services.


Missouri

- Physician, medical examiner, coroner, dentist, chiropractor, optometrist, podiatrist, resident, intern, nurse, hospital or clinic personnel that are engaged in the examination, care, treatment or research of persons;
- any other health practitioner, psychologist, mental health professional, social worker, day care center worker or other child-care worker, juvenile officer, probation or parole officer, jail or detention center personnel, teacher,

- Reporter must make an oral report immediately, by telephone or otherwise.
- Evidence of sexual abuse or sexual molestation of any child must be turned over to the Missouri Children’s Division within 24 hours by those mandated to report.

principal or other school official, minister, peace officer or law enforcement official, volunteer or personnel of a community service program that offers support services for families in crisis to assist in the delegation of any powers regarding the care and custody of a child by a properly executed power of attorney pursuant to sections 475.600 to 475.604; and any other person with responsibility for the care of children.

| Montana | • Any of the following persons as a result of information they receive in their professional or official capacity:  
• A physician, resident, intern, or member of a hospital’s staff engaged in the admission, examination, care, or treatment of persons (“category 1” for purposes of the discussion below in “Anything else I should know?”);  
• A nurse, osteopath, chiropractor, podiatrist, medical examiner, coroner, dentist, optometrist, or any other health or mental health professional (“category 2” for purposes of the discussion below in “Anything else I should know?”);  
• Religious healers;  
• School teachers, other school officials, and employees who work during regular school hours;  
• A social worker, licensed pursuant to Title 37, child protection specialist, operator or employee of any registered or licensed day-care or substitute care facility, staff of a resource and referral grant program organized under Montana state law or of a child and adult food care program, or an operator or employee of a child-care facility;  
• A foster care, residential, or institutional worker;  
• A peace officer or other law enforcement official;  
• A member of the | • Reports to be made promptly. No written report is required. | • Mont. Code Ann. §§ 41-3-102, 41-3-201, 41-3-206, 41-3-207. Mont. Admin. R. 37-95-171, 37-51-216. |
clergy;  
- A guardian ad litem or a court-appointed advocate who is authorized to investigate a report of alleged abuse or neglect;  
- An employee of an entity that contracts with the department of public health and human services to provide direct services to children; and  
- An employee of the department while in conduct of the employee’s duties.

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| Nevada | Any of the following when acting in his or her professional or occupational capacity:  
- A physician, dentist, dental hygienist, chiropractor, optometrist, dispensing optician, podiatrist, homeopathic physician, osteopath, medical examiner, resident, intern, perfusionist, professional or practical nurse, licensed physician assistant, audiologist, speech-language pathologist, physical or occupational therapist, pharmacist, psychiatrist, psychologist, marriage and family therapist, clinical professional counselor, clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor, alcohol and drug abuse counselor, clinical social worker, music therapist, athletic trainer, driver of an ambulance, advanced emergency medical technician, paramedic, licensed dietician, a doctor of oriental medicine in any form, or other person providing medical services licensed or certified in the State of Nevada;  
- Any personnel of a hospital or similar institution engaged in the admission, examination, care or treatment of persons | As soon as reasonably practicable but not later than 24 hours after the reporter knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the child has been abused or neglected. Reports are to be made by telephone or (in light of all the surrounding facts and circumstances known or which reasonably should be known to the person at the time), by any other means of oral, written, or electronic communications that a reasonable person would believe, under those facts and circumstances, is a reliable and swift means of communicating under the circumstances.  
- If the report is made orally, the person who receives the report must reduce it to writing as soon as reasonably practicable. | Nev. Rev. Stat. §§ 432B.020, 432B.040, 432B.121, 432B.220, 432B.230, 432B.240, 392.303, 392.305 |
or an administrator, manager or other person in charge of a hospital or similar institution upon notification of suspected abuse or neglect of a child by a member of the staff of the hospital;
• A coroner;
• A clergyman, practitioner of Christian Science or religious healer, unless he has acquired the knowledge of the abuse or neglect from the offender during a confession;
• A person employed by a public school or private school and any person who serves as a volunteer at such a school;
• Any person who maintains or is employed by a facility or establishment that provides care for children, children’s camp or other public or private facility, institution or agency furnishing care to a child;
• Any person licensed to conduct a foster home;
• Any officer or employee of a law enforcement agency or an adult or juvenile probation officer;
• An attorney, unless he or she has acquired the knowledge of the abuse or neglect from a client who is or may be accused of the abuse or neglect;
• Any person who maintains, is employed by or serves as a volunteer for an agency or service which advises persons regarding abuse or neglect of a child and refers them to persons or agencies where their requests and needs can be met;
• Any person who is employed by or serves as a volunteer for an approved youth shelter; and
• Any adult person who is employed by an entity that provides organized activities for children, including, without limitation, a person
who is employed by a school district or public school.
- Any adult person who is employed by an entity that provides organized activities for children, including, without limitation, a person who is employed by a school district or public school.
- Any person who is enrolled with the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy of the Department of Health and Human Services to provide doula services to recipients of Medicaid.
- A peer recovery support specialist, or peer recovery support specialist supervisor.

New Hampshire
- Any physician, surgeon, county medical examiner, psychiatrist, resident, intern, dentist, osteopath, optometrist, chiropractor, psychologist, therapist, registered nurse, hospital personnel (engaged in admission, examination, care and treatment of persons), Christian Science practitioner, teacher, school official, school nurse, school counselor, social worker, day care worker, any other child or foster care worker, law enforcement official, priest, minister, or rabbi or any other person having reason to suspect that a child has been abused or neglected.
- Must report orally immediately by telephone or otherwise, and followed within 48 hours by a written report, if so requested by the NH DHHS.

New Jersey
- Any person having reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subjected to child abuse, including sexual abuse, or acts of child abuse.
- Reports must be made immediately by telephone or otherwise.

New Mexico
- The statute provides that every person (including licensed physicians, residents or interns examining, attending or treating a child, law enforcement officers, judges presiding during a proceeding, registered nurses, visiting nurses, school employees, social workers acting in an official capacity, and members of the clergy, who has information that is not privileged as a matter of law) is a mandatory reporter.
- Since expressly applicable to “every person,” the statute
- The department shall immediately transmit the facts of the report and the name, address and phone number of the reporter by telephone to a local law enforcement agency and shall transmit the same information in writing within 48 hours.

N.M. Stat. § 30-6-2, 30-6-4, 32A-1-4, 32A-4-2, 32A-4-3.

| New York | Any of the following, when acting in their professional or official capacities:  
| Physicians;  
| Registered physician assistants;  
| Surgeons;  
| Medical examiners;  
| Coroners;  
| Dentists;  
| Dental hygienists;  
| Osteopaths;  
| Optometrists;  
| Chiropractors;  
| Podiatrists;  
| Residents;  
| Interns;  
| Psychologists;  
| Registered nurses;  
| Social workers;  
| Emergency medical technicians;  
| Licensed creative arts therapists;  
| Licensed marriage and family therapists;  
| Licensed mental health counselors;  
| Licensed psychoanalysts;  
| Licensed behavior analysts;  
| Certified Behavior Analyst Assistants;  
| Hospital personnel engaged in the admission, examination, care, or treatment of persons;  
| Christian Science practitioners;  
| School officials (which includes, but is not limited to, school teacher, school guidance counselor, school psychologist, school social worker, school nurse, school administrator, other school personnel required to hold a teaching or administrative license or certificate, or full or part-time compensated school employee required to hold a temporary coaching license or professional coaching certificate);  
| Social services workers;  
| Employee of a publicly-funded emergency shelter for |


families with children;
- Directors of a
  children’s overnight
  camp, summer day
  camp or traveling
  summer day camp;
- Day care center
  workers;
- School-age child care
  workers;
- Providers of family or
  group family day care;
- Employees or
  volunteers in a
  residential care
  facility for children
  that is licensed,
  certified or operated
  by the office of
  children and family
  services;
- Child care or foster
  care workers;
- Mental health
  professionals;
- Substance abuse
  counselors;
- Alcoholism
  counselors;
- All persons
  credentialed by the
  office of alcoholism
  and substance abuse
  services;
- Peace officers;
- Police officers;
- District attorneys or
  assistant district
  attorneys;
- Investigators
  employed in the
  office of the district
  attorney; and
- Any other law
  enforcement official.
- In addition to those
  persons and officials
  required to report
  suspected child abuse or
  maltreatment, any person
  may make such a report if
  such person has
  reasonable cause to
  suspect that a child is an
  abused or maltreated child.

North Carolina
- Any person or institution.
- Reports may be made orally, by telephone, or in
  writing. If the report is made orally or by
  telephone, the reporter must give his or her name,
  address, and telephone number, although refusal
  of reporter to give a name shall not preclude the
  department’s assessment of the alleged abuse,
  neglect, dependency, or death as a result of
  maltreatment.

North Dakota
- Dentist;
- Optometrist;
- Dental hygienist;
- Medical examiner or
  coroner;
- Tier 1 mental health
  professional (as defined
  below);
- Tier 2 mental health
  professional (as defined
  below);
- Tier 3 mental health
  professional (as defined
  below);
- Tier 4 mental health

- Must be reported immediately. Reports may be
  oral or written, though oral reports must be
  followed by written reports within 48 hours if so
  requested by the Department of Human Services,
  and such requested written reports must include
  information specifically sought by the Department
  if the reporter possesses or has reasonable access
  to such information. A written report form is
  accessible at:
- The chief administrator of an entity employing
  more than 25 individuals who are required to
  report suspected child abuse or neglect may
  designate an agent within the entity to file reports
  of suspected child abuse or neglect on behalf of
professional (as defined below):

- Any other medical or mental health professional;
- Religious practitioner of the healing arts;
- Schoolteacher;
- School administrator;
- School counselor;
- Child care worker;
- Foster parent;
- Police or law enforcement officer;
- Juvenile court personnel;
- Probation officer;
- Division of juvenile services employee;
- Licensed social worker;
- Family service specialist;
- Child care licensor;
- Member of the clergy (except if knowledge or suspicion is derived from information received in capacity of a spiritual advisor);
- A chiropractor having knowledge of or reasonable cause to suspect that there is child abuse or neglect is mandated to report the circumstances to the department of human services if the knowledge or suspicion is derived from information received by the chiropractor in the chiropractor’s professional capacity (N.D. Admin. Code 17-02-03-04); or
- A person who has knowledge of or reasonable cause to suspect that there is child abuse or neglect, based on images of sexual conduct by a child discovered on a workplace computer.
- Any person having reasonable cause to suspect a child is abused or neglected, or has died as a result of abuse or neglect, may report such circumstances.

Ohio

- Any of the following, if acting in a professional or official capacity:
  - attorney;
  - physician (including hospital interns and residents);
  - dentist;
  - podiatrist;
  - practitioner of a limited branch of medicine;
  - registered nurse;
  - licensed practical nurse;
  - visiting nurse;
  - other health care professional;
  - licensed psychologist/school psychologist;

- Report must be made immediately by telephone or in person and must be followed by a written report if requested by the receiving agency or officer.

• independent marriage and family therapist or marriage and family therapist;
• coroner;
• administrator or employee of a child day-care center;
• administrator or employee of a residential camp, child day camp or private, nonprofit therapeutic wilderness camp;
• administrator or employee of a certified child care agency or other public or private children services agency;
• school teacher;
• school employee;
• school authority;
• humane society agent;
• dog warden, deputy dog warden, or other person appointed to act as an animal control officer for a municipal corporate or township in accordance with state law, an ordinance, or a resolution;
• person, other than a cleric, rendering spiritual treatment through prayer in accordance with the tenets of a well-recognized religion;
• employee of a county department of job and family services who is a professional and who works with children and families;
• superintendent or regional administrator employed by the department of youth services;
• superintendent, board member, or employee of a county board of developmental disabilities;
• investigative agent contracted with by a county board of developmental disabilities;
• employee of the department of developmental disabilities;
• employee of a facility or home that provides respite care;
• employee of a home health agency;
• employee of an entity that provides homemaker services;
• a person performing
| Oregon | Any "public or private official," which means: - Physician or physician assistant licensed under ORS chapter 677 or naturopathic physician, including any intern or resident; - Dentist; - School employee; - Licensed practical nurse or registered nurse; - Nurse practitioner; - Nurse's aide; - Home health aide or employee of an in-home health service; - Employee of the Department of Human Services, Oregon Health Authority, Early Learning Division, Youth Development Division, Office of Child Care, the Oregon Youth Authority, a local health department, a community mental health program, a community developmental disabilities program, a county juvenile department, a child-caring agency or an alcohol and drug treatment program; - Peace officer; - Psychologist; - Member of the clergy; - Regulated social worker; - Optometrist; - Chiropractor; - Certified provider of foster care (or an employee thereof); - Attorney; - Licensed professional counselor; - Licensed marriage and family therapist; - Firefighter or emergency medical technician; - Court-appointed | Reports must be made immediately. Reports should be oral and can be made by telephone or otherwise to the local office of the Department of Human Services, to the designee of the department or to a law enforcement agency within the county where the person making the reports is located. | Or. Rev. Stat. §§ 418.205, 418.950, 419B.005, 419B.010, 419B.015, 419B.025. |
• special advocate;
• Registered or certified child care provider;
• An elected official of a branch of government of Oregon or a state agency, board, commission or department of a branch of government of this state or of a city, county or other political subdivision of Oregon;
• Physical, speech or occupational therapist;
• Audiologist;
• Speech-language pathologist;
• Employee of the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission directly involved in investigations or discipline by the commission;
• Pharmacist;
• Operator of a preschool recorded program;
• Operator of a school-age recorded program;
• Employee of a private agency or organization facilitating the provision of respite services for parents pursuant to a properly executed power of attorney;
• A coach, assistant coach or trainer of an amateur, semiprofessional or professional athlete, if compensated and if the athlete is a child;
• Personal support worker;
• Home care worker; and
• Employee of a public or private organization providing child-related services or activities, which include, but are not limited to, youth groups or centers, scout groups or camps, summer or day camps, survival camp or group center or camp that is operated under the guidance, supervision or auspices of a religious, public or private educational system or a community service organization.
• Specifically excluded are
employees of a qualified victim services program as defined in below that provides confidential, direct services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking.

"Qualified victim services program" means (A) a nongovernmental, nonprofit, community-based program receiving moneys administered by the state Department of Human Services or the Oregon or United States Department of Justice, or a program administered by a tribal government, that offers safety planning, counseling, support or advocacy services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking; or (B) a sexual assault center, victim advocacy office, women's center, student affairs center, health center or other program providing safety planning, counseling, support or advocacy services to victims that is on the campus of or affiliated with a two-year or four-year post-secondary institution that enrolls one or more students who receive an Oregon Opportunity Grant.

Certain exceptions to the obligation of mandatory reporters to report are set forth under “Anything else I should know?” below.
• 5) An employee of a child-care service who has direct contact with children in the course of employment;
• 6) A clergyman, priest, rabbi, minister, Christian Science practitioner, religious healer or spiritual leader of any regularly established church or other religious organization;
• 7) An individual paid or unpaid, who, on the basis of the individual’s role as an integral part of a regularly scheduled program, activity or service, is a person responsible for the child’s welfare or has direct contact with children;
• 8) An employee of a social services agency who has direct contact with children in the course of employment;
• 9) A peace officer or law enforcement official;
• 10) An emergency medical services provider certified by the Department of Health;
• 11) An employee of a public library who has direct contact with children in the course of employment;
• 12) An individual supervised or managed by a person listed under items 1-11 and 13 of this section, who has direct contact with children in the course of employment;
• 13) An independent contractor;
• 14) An attorney affiliated with an agency, institution, organization or other entity, including a school or regularly established religious organization that is responsible for the care, supervision, guidance or control of children;
• 15) A foster parent; and
• 16) An adult family member who is a person responsible for the child’s welfare and provides services to a child in a family living home,
| Puerto Rico | Any person, including:  
| --- | --- |
|  | • Professionals or public officials, public, private, and privatized entities which, in their professional capacity and in the performance of their duties, may learn of or come to suspect that a minor is, has been, or is at risk of becoming a victim of abuse, institutional abuse, neglect, and/or institutional neglect;  
|  | • Professionals in the fields of health, the system of justice, education, social work, public order, persons who administer or work in caregiving institutions or centers that provide care services for twenty-four (24) hours a day or part thereof, or in rehabilitation institutions and centers for minors, or in foster homes; and  
|  | • Processors of film or photographs who have knowledge or observe, in the performance of their professional responsibilities or employment, any motion picture, photograph, videotape, negative, or slide that depicts a minor involved in a sexual activity.  
|  | • Any person who has reasonable cause to know or suspect that any child has been the victim of sexual abuse by an employee, agent, contractor, or volunteer of an educational program shall, within 24 hours, transfer that information to the Department of Children, Youth and Families, or its agent; provided, however, that if the person mandated to report is an employee, agent, contractor, or volunteer of an educational program, they shall immediately notify the principal, headmaster, executive director, or other person in charge of the educational program, or his or her designated agent.  
|  | • Reports of abuse, neglect, or sexual abuse by another child must be made within 24 hours.  
|  | • Reports of abuse or neglect resulting in death must be made immediately.  
|  | • Oral reports required to be made by a physician, registered nurse practitioner or health care provider, as described above, must be made immediately and followed by a report in writing to the Department and law enforcement agency explaining the extent and nature of the abuse or neglect the child is alleged to have suffered.  
|  | • Reports must be made immediately.  
|  | • Mandatory reporters shall subsequently fill out a form provided by the Department, which shall be sent to the central registry, within forty-eight (48) hours of having notified or referred the situation.  
|  | • 8 L.P.R.A. §§ 444; § 446; 450a.  
| Rhode Island | Any person.  
|  | • Any person who has reasonable cause to know or suspect that any child has been the victim of sexual abuse by an employee, agent, contractor, or volunteer of an educational program shall, within 24 hours, transfer that information to the Department of Children, Youth and Families, or its agent; provided, however, that if the person mandated to report is an employee, agent, contractor, or volunteer of an educational program, they shall immediately notify the principal, headmaster, executive director, or other person in charge of the educational program, or his or her designated agent.  
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A community home for individuals with an intellectual disability or host home or children who are subject to supervision or licensure by the department under Articles IX and X of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L. 31, No. 21), known as the Public Welfare Code.
The following when acting in their professional capacity:

- Physician;
- Nurse;
- Dentist;
- Optometrist;
- Medical examiner;
- Coroner;
- Employee of a county medical examiner’s or coroner’s office;
- Any other medical, emergency medical services, mental health, or allied health professional;
- Member of the clergy (including a Christian Science Practitioner or religious healer);
- Clerical or nonclerical religious counselor who charges for services;
- School teacher;
- Counselor;
- Principal;
- Assistant principal;
- School attendance officer;
- Social or public assistance worker;
- Substance abuse treatment staff;
- Childcare worker in a childcare center or foster care facility;
- Foster parent;
- Police or law enforcement officer;
- Juvenile justice worker;
- Undertaker;
- Funeral home director or employee of a funeral home;
- Persons responsible for processing films;
- Computer technician;
- Judge; and
- Volunteer non-attorney guardian ad litem serving on behalf of the South Carolina Guardian Ad Litem Program or on behalf of Richland County CASA.

Any other person, including, but not limited to, a volunteer non-attorney guardian ad litem serving on behalf of the South Carolina Guardian Ad Litem Program or on behalf of Richland County CASA, who has reason to believe that a child’s physical or mental health or welfare has been or may be adversely affected by abuse and neglect may, and is encouraged to, report.

Timing is not specified in statute.

Reports may be made orally by telephone or otherwise to the county department of social services or to a law enforcement agency in the county where the child resides or is found.

S.C. Code Ann. §§ 63-7-20, 63-7-310, 63-7-360, 63-7-390, 63-7-410.
South Dakota

- Any physician;
- Dentist;
- Doctor of osteopathy;
- Chiropractor;
- Optometrist;
- Emergency medical technician;
- Paramedic;
- Mental health professional or counselor;
- Podiatrist;
- Psychologist;
- Religious healing practitioner;
- Social worker;
- Hospital intern or resident;
- Parole or court services officer;
- Law enforcement officer;
- Teacher;
- School counselor;
- School official;
- Nurse;
- Licensed or registered child welfare provider;
- Employee or volunteer of a domestic abuse shelter;
- Employee or volunteer of a child advocacy organization or child welfare service provider;
- Chemical dependency counselor;
- Coroner;
- Dental hygienist; and
- Any “safety sensitive position” (which means any law enforcement officer authorized to carry firearms and any custody staff employed by any agency responsible for the rehabilitation or treatment of any adjudicated adult or juvenile).

Reports must be made immediately. Reports must be made orally by telephone or otherwise.


Tennessee

Note: Tennessee’s mandatory reporting law imposes different reporting requirements depending on the type of abuse. Accordingly, the information presented distinguishes between reporting requirements for crimes of “abuse” and crimes of “sexual abuse” (as respectively defined).

Abuse:
- Any person who has knowledge of or is called upon to render aid to any child who is suffering from, or has sustained, any wound, injury, disability or physical or mental condition.

Sexual Abuse: Any person, including, but not limited to, any:
- Physician, osteopathic physician, medical examiner, chiropractor, nurse or hospital personnel engaged in the admission, examination, care or

Reports must be made immediately. Reports may be made via telephone or otherwise, on the Department of Children’s Services Central Intake Division hotline at 1-877-237-0004 (1-877-54ABUSE) or online (at: https://apps.tn.gov/carat/referral/emergency.html).
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<td>Any person or &quot;Professional&quot; (as defined below).</td>
<td>Reports must be made immediately. Professionals with reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused or neglected or may be abused or neglected, or that a child is a victim of an offense under Section 21.11, Penal Code, and the professional has cause to believe that the child has been abused, must report the suspected abuse no later than 48 hours after first has reasonable cause to believe that the child has been abused or neglected.</td>
<td>Tex. Fam. Code §§ 33.008, 33.0085, 101.003, 261.001, 261.101, 261.102, 261.103, 261.104, 261.106, 261.107, 261.109, 261.110; 261.111, Tex. Health and Safety Code § 248A.001, 260A.001, 260A.002; Tex. Penal Code §§ 12.21.</td>
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<td>Any person.</td>
<td>Telephone report to be made immediately: A person who reports orally shall provide a written report, within 48 hours if requested by the Division of Child and Family Services.</td>
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<td>A mandated reporter is any: health care provider, including any: Physician, surgeon, osteopath, chiropractor or physician’s assistant licensed, certified or registered under Vermont state law; Resident physician; Intern; Hospital administrator in any hospital in Vermont; Registered nurse or licensed practical nurse; Medical examiner;</td>
<td>Reports to be made within 24 hours of the time information regarding the suspected abuse or neglect was first received or observed. Report may be made orally or in writing. If the report is made orally, a follow-up written report will be requested, unless the reporter is anonymous.</td>
<td>33 V.S.A. §§ 4912, 4913, 4914.</td>
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• Emergency medical professional;
• Dentist;
• Psychologist; and
• Pharmacist;
• Any individual who is employed by a school district or an approved or recognized independent school, or who is contracted and paid by a school district or an approved or recognized independent school to provide student services, including any school superintendent, headmaster of an approved or recognized independent school, school teacher, student teacher, school librarian, school principal, and school guidance counselor;
• Child care worker;
• Mental health professional;
• Social worker;
• Probation officer;
• Police officer;
• Any employee, contractor or grantee of the Agency of Human Services who has contact with clients;
• Camp owner, camp administrator or camp counselor (“camp” includes any residential or nonresidential recreational program); and
• Member of the clergy (i.e., a priest, rabbi, clergy member, ordained or licensed minister, leader of any church or religious body, accredited Christian Science practitioner, or person performing official duties on behalf of a church or religious body that are recognized as the duties of a priest, rabbi, clergy, nun, brother, ordained or licensed minister, leader of any church or religious body, or accredited Christian Science practitioner), subject to certain carveouts specified under “Anything Else I Should Know?”
• Any other concerned person who has reasonable cause to believe that any child has been abused or neglected may report or cause a report to be made.

Virgin Islands

• Physician;
• Hospital personnel engaged in the admission, examination, care or treatment of persons;
• Nurse;
• Dentist;
• Any other medical professional;
• Any behavioral health professional;

• Reports shall be made immediately by telephone or otherwise (see reporting requirements above). If requested, an oral report shall be followed by a written report within 48 hours.
• Whenever any person is required to report in his capacity as a member of the staff of a medical or other public or private institution, school, facility or agency, he shall immediately notify the person in charge of such institution, school facility or agency, or his designated agent, who shall then also become responsible to report or cause reports

5 V.I.C. §§ 2502, 2533 through 2539; 18 U.S.C.A. §§ 1591, 2242, 2251
School teacher or other school personnel; Social service worker; Day-care worker or other child-care or foster-care worker; or Any peace officer or law enforcement official.

Virginia

- Any person licensed to practice medicine or any of the healing arts;
- Any hospital resident or intern, and any person employed in the nursing profession;
- Any person employed as a social worker or family-services specialist;
- Any probation officer;
- Any teacher or other person employed in a public or private school, kindergarten or child day program;
- Any person providing full-time or part-time child care for pay on a regularly planned basis;
- Any mental health professional;
- Any law-enforcement officer or animal control officer;
- Any mediator eligible to receive court referrals;
- Any professional staff person, not previously enumerated, employed by a private or state-operated hospital, institution or facility to which children have been committed or where children have been placed for care and treatment;
- Any person 18 years of age or older associated with or employed by any public or private organization responsible for the care, custody or control of children;
- Any person who is designated a court-appointed special advocate;
- Any person 18 years of age or older who has received training approved by the Department of Social Services for the purposes of recognizing and reporting child abuse and neglect;
- Any person employed by a local department who determines eligibility for public assistance;
- Any emergency medical services provider certified by the Board of Health, unless such provider immediately reports the matter directly to the attending physician at the hospital to which the child is transported, who shall make such report forthwith;

- Reports must be made immediately.
- The initial report may be oral.

Any athletic coach, 
director or other person 
18 years of age or older 
employed by or 
volunteering with a private 
sports organization or 
team;

Administrators or 
employees 18 years of age 
or older of public or 
private day camps, youth 
centers and youth 
recreation programs;

Any person employed by a 
public or private 
institution of higher 
education other than an 
attorney who is employed 
by a public or private 
institution of higher 
education as it relates to 
information gained in the 
course of providing legal 
representation to a client; 
and

Any minister, priest, rabbi, 
imam, or duly accredited 
practitioner of any 
religious organization or 
denomination usually 
referred to as a church, 
unless the information 
supporting the suspicion 
of child abuse or neglect 
(i) is required by the 
doctrine of the religious 
organization or 
denomination to be kept 
in a confidential manner 
or (ii) was communicated 
to him in a confidential 
manner, properly 
entrusted to him in his 
professional capacity and 
necessary to enable him to 
discharge the functions of 
his office according to the 
usual course of his 
practice or discipline, 
wherein such person so 
communicating such 
information about himself 
or another is seeking 
spiritual counsel and 
advice relative to and 
growing out of the 
information so imparted.

Any person who engages 
in the practice of behavior 
analysis, defined as the 
design, implementation, 
and evaluation of 
environmental 
modifications, using 
behavioral stimuli and 
consequences, to produce 
socially significant 
improvement in human 
behavior, including the 
use of direct observation, 
measurement, and 
functional analysis of the 
relationship between 
environment and behavior.

Volunteer and 
professional Boy Scout 
leaders (Op. Atty. Gen., 
Opinion No. 02-053, June 
27, 2002).

Advocates in domestic
violence shelters and sexual assault crisis centers generally are not statutorily mandated to report child abuse and neglect, but he or she would be required to report suspected child abuse or neglect to the extent that the advocate performs activities that would place the advocate under any of the above categories (Op. Atty. Gen., Opinion No. 09-097, Jan. 5, 2010).

### Washington

- Any practitioner;
- County coroner or medical examiner;
- Law enforcement officer;
- Professional school personnel;
- Registered or licensed nurse;
- Social service counselor;
- Psychologist;
- Pharmacist;
- Employee of the Department Of Children, Youth, and Families;
- Licensed or certified child care providers and their employees;
- Employee of the Department of Social and Health Services;
- Juvenile probation officer;
- Placement and liaison specialist;
- Responsible living skills program staff;
- HOPE center staff;
- State family and children’s ombuds or any volunteer in the ombuds’ office or Host home program;
- Any person, in his or her official supervisory capacity with a nonprofit or for-profit organization, who has reasonable cause to believe that a child has suffered abuse or neglect caused by a person over whom he or she regularly exercises supervisory authority, provided that the person alleged to have caused the abuse or neglect is employed by, contracted by, or volunteers with the organization and coaches, trains, educates, or counsels a child or children or regularly has unsupervised access to a child or children as part of the employment, contract, or voluntary service. (Note: No one shall be required to report under this section when he or she obtains the information solely as a result of a privileged communication);
- Department of corrections personnel who, in the course of their duties, have reasonable cause to believe that a child has suffered abuse or neglect.

Oral report must be made immediately by telephone or otherwise, at the first opportunity, but in no case longer than 48 hours after there is reasonable cause to believe that the child has suffered abuse or neglect.

- Upon request, the oral report must be followed by a written report.
- The reporting requirement does not apply to the discovery of abuse or neglect that occurred during childhood if it is discovered after the child has become an adult. However, if there is reasonable cause to believe other children are or may be at risk of abuse or neglect by the accused, the reporting requirement does apply.
- All employees of institutions of higher education, not considered academic or athletic department employees, who have reasonable cause to believe a child has suffered abuse or neglect, must report such abuse or neglect immediately to the appropriate administrator or supervisor, as designated by the institution. The administrator or supervisor to whom the report was made, if not already a mandatory reporter under RCW 26.44.030, must report the abuse or neglect within forty-eight hours to a mandatory reporter designated by the institution for this purpose.

### Oral report

- Oral report must be made immediately by telephone or otherwise, at the first opportunity, but in no case longer than 48 hours after there is reasonable cause to believe that the child has suffered abuse or neglect.
- Upon request, the oral report must be followed by a written report.
- The reporting requirement does not apply to the discovery of abuse or neglect that occurred during childhood if it is discovered after the child has become an adult. However, if there is reasonable cause to believe other children are or may be at risk of abuse or neglect by the accused, the reporting requirement does apply.
- All employees of institutions of higher education, not considered academic or athletic department employees, who have reasonable cause to believe a child has suffered abuse or neglect, must report such abuse or neglect immediately to the appropriate administrator or supervisor, as designated by the institution. The administrator or supervisor to whom the report was made, if not already a mandatory reporter under RCW 26.44.030, must report the abuse or neglect within forty-eight hours to a mandatory reporter designated by the institution for this purpose.

### Washing

- Oral report must be made immediately by telephone or otherwise, at the first opportunity, but in no case longer than 48 hours after there is reasonable cause to believe that the child has suffered abuse or neglect.
- Upon request, the oral report must be followed by a written report.
- The reporting requirement does not apply to the discovery of abuse or neglect that occurred during childhood if it is discovered after the child has become an adult. However, if there is reasonable cause to believe other children are or may be at risk of abuse or neglect by the accused, the reporting requirement does apply.
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### Wash. Rev. Code §§ 5.60.060, 9A.20.021, 26.44.020, 26.44.030, 26.44.040, 26.44.060, 26.44.080, 28B.10.846.
employment, observe offenders or the children with whom the offenders are in contact;
• Any adult who has reasonable cause to believe that a child who resides with them has suffered severe abuse, and is able or capable of making a report;
• Guardians ad litem, including court-appointed special advocates, who in the course of their representation of children in these actions have reasonable cause to believe a child has been abused or neglected; and
• Administrative and academic or athletic department employees, including student employees, of institutions of higher education and of private institutions of higher education.
• Mandatory reporting statute was not intended to apply to volunteer counselors who are not professional social service counselors and not acting in their regular course of employment. Doe v. Corp. of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 167 P.3d 1193, 1203 (Wash. App. 2007).

West Virginia

• Abuse or neglect, including sexual abuse or sexual assault must be reported by any of the following persons, if over the age of 18:
  • Any medical, dental or mental health professional;
  • Christian Science practitioner or religious healer;
  • School teacher or other school personnel;
  • Social service worker;
  • Child care or foster care worker;
  • Emergency medical services personnel;
  • Peace officer or law-enforcement official or humane officer;
  • Member of the clergy;
  • Circuit court judge, family court judge, employee of the Division of Juvenile Services, or magistrate;
  • Youth camp administrator or counselor;
  • Employee, coach or volunteer of an entity that provides organized children’s

• Reports of child abuse or neglect, including sexual abuse or sexual assault, must be made immediately, and not more than 24 hours after suspecting abuse or neglect, by phone and followed up within 48 hours by a written report if requested.

Wisconsin Any of the following persons in the course of professional duties:
- Physician, coroner, medical examiner, nurse, dentist, chiropractor, optometrist, acupuncturist, physical therapist, physical therapist assistant, occupational therapist, dietician, speech-language pathologist, audiologist, emergency medical services practitioner, emergency medical responder or other medical or mental health professional,
- Social worker, marriage and family therapist, professional counselor, alcohol or other drug abuse counselor;
- Genetic counselor
- Public assistance worker, including a financial and employment planner;
- School teacher, school administrator, school counselor, any other school employee;
- Mediator under s. 767.405;
- Child-care worker in a child care center, group home, or residential care center for children and youth or child care provider;
- Member of the treatment staff employed by or working under contract with a county department or a residential treatment care center for children/youth;
- Physical therapist, physical therapist assistant,
- Occupational therapist
- Dietitian
- A speech-language pathologist.
- An audiologist.
- An emergency medical services practitioner.
- An emergency medical responder, as defined in s. 256.01(4p).

Reports must be made immediately by telephone or in person.

Note: Expending reasonable amount of time to verify child’s allegation of sexual misconduct is consistent with the requirement that allegations of abuse or neglect be reported immediately to proper authorities by teacher, administrator or counselor to whom such allegations are made. Phillips v. Behnke (App. 1995) 531 N.W.2d 619.

A police or law enforcement officer.

A juvenile correctional officer.

Court appointed special advocate; police or law enforcement officer; and juvenile correctional officer.

Members of Clergy: a member of the clergy shall report if the member of the clergy has reasonable cause to suspect that a child seen by the member of the clergy in the course of his or her professional duties has been abused, has been threatened with abuse, or the abuse of the child will likely occur. Additionally, a member of the clergy shall report if the member has reasonable cause, based on observations made or information that he or she receives, to suspect that a member of the clergy has abused a child or threatened a child with abuse and abuse of the child will likely occur.

Exception for Members of Clergy: A member of the clergy is not required to report child abuse information that he or she receives solely through confidential communications made to him or her in a confessional setting if he or she is not authorized to hear such communications; and, under the disciplines, tenets, or traditions of his or her religion, has a duty or is expected to keep those communications secret. Those disciplines, tenets, or traditions need not be in writing.
System (UWS) professors, administrators, coaches, and other UWS employees in the course of employment.

Exception to reporting requirement: health care services. The following persons are not required to report suspected or threatened abuse, sexual intercourse or sexual contact involving a child:

(1) A health care provider who provides any health care service to a child, and
(2) Person who obtains information about a child who is receiving or has received health care services from a health care provider, unless such person in (1) or (2) either
(a) has any reasonable doubt as to the voluntariness of the child’s participation in the sexual contact or sexual intercourse, or (b) has reason to suspect:

• That the sexual intercourse or sexual contact occurred or is likely to occur with a caregiver;
• That the child suffered or suffers from a mental illness or mental deficiency that rendered or renders the child temporarily or permanently incapable of understanding or evaluating the consequences of his or her actions;
• That the child, because of his or her age or immaturity, was or is incapable of understanding the nature or consequences of sexual intercourse or sexual contact;
• That the child was unconscious at the time of the act or for any other reason was physically unable to communicate unwillingness to engage in sexual intercourse or sexual contact; or
• That another participant in the sexual contact or sexual intercourse was or is exploiting the child.

"Health care provider" means a physician, a naturopathic doctor, a physician assistant, or a nurse holding a license.