# Mandatory Reporting Requirements: The Elderly

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<td>Physicians; Other practitioners of the healing arts; and Caregivers (i.e., an individual who has the responsibility for the care of a protected person as a result of family relationship or who has assumed the responsibility for the care of the person voluntarily, by contract, or as a result of the ties of friendship).</td>
<td>An oral report, either by telephone or otherwise, must be made immediately, followed by a written report.</td>
<td>Ala. Code §§ 13A-6-60, 13A-6-70, 38-9-2, 38-9-8, 38-9-9, 38-9-10, 38-9-11</td>
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<td>Alaska</td>
<td>Physicians or other licensed health care providers; Mental Health Professionals (see definition below), including licensed marital and family therapists; Pharmacists; Administrators or employees of nursing homes or residential care or health care facilities; Guardians or conservators; Police officers; Village public safety officers; Village health aides; Social workers; Members of the clergy; Staff employees of a project funded by the Department of Administration for the provision of services to older Alaskans, the Department of Health and Social Services, or the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; Employees of a personal care or home health aide program; Emergency medical technicians or mobile intensive care paramedics; Caregivers of the vulnerable adult (i.e., either a person who is providing care to a vulnerable adult as a result of a family relationship, or who has assumed responsibility for the care of a vulnerable adult voluntarily, by contract, as an employee of a business that provides care in an adult’s home, or by court order, or an employee of an out-of-home care facility who provides care to one or more vulnerable adults); Certified nurse aides; and Educators or administrative staff members of a public or private educational institution.</td>
<td>The report must be made not later than 24 hours after first having cause for the belief of abuse.</td>
<td>Alaska Stat. §§ 47.24.010, 47.24.013, 47.24.120, 47.24.130, 47.24.900, § 47.30.915</td>
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<td>Health professional; Home health providers; Hospital interns or residents; Speech, physical or occupational therapists; Long-term care providers; Social workers; Peace officers; Medical examiners; Guardians; Conservators; Developmental disabilities providers; Employees of the Department of Economic Security; Any person who has responsibility for the care of a vulnerable adult; Attorneys; Accountants; Trustees; Guardians; Conservators; Any person who has responsibility for preparing the tax records of a vulnerable adult; and Any person who has responsibility for any other action concerning the use or preservation of the vulnerable adult’s property.</td>
<td>Reports must be made immediately by telephone or online.</td>
<td>Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 32-3201, 46-451, 46-454, Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 36-401</td>
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<td>Arkansas</td>
<td>Physicians; Surgeons; Coroners; Dentists; Dental hygienists; Osteopaths; Resident interns; Nurses; Members of a hospital’s personnel who are engaged in the administration, examination, care, or treatment of persons; Social workers; Case managers; Home health workers; Mental health professionals; Peace officers; Law enforcement officers; Facility administrators and owners; Employees in a facility; Employees of the Department of Human Services (with the exception of an employee working with an ombudsman program established by the Division of Aging and Adult Services of the Department of Human Services); Firefighters; Emergency medical technicians; Employees of a bank and other financial institutions; Employees of the United States Postal Service; Employees or volunteers of a program or organization funded partially or wholly by the Department of Human Services who enter the home of or has contact with an elderly person;</td>
<td>A report must be made immediately.</td>
<td>Arkansas Code §§ 12-12-1701 through 12-12-1723.</td>
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• Persons associated with the care and treatment of animals, such as animal control officers and humane society officials;
• Employees who enforce code requirements for a city, town, or municipality;
• Any clergy member, including without limitation, ministers, priests, rabbis, accredited Christian Science practitioners, or any other similar functionary of a religious organization, or individuals reasonably believed to be a minister, a priest, a rabbi, an accredited Christian Science practitioner, or any other similar functionary of a religious organization by the person consulting him or her, except to the extent he or she:
  • (i) has acquired knowledge of suspected maltreatment through communications required to be kept confidential pursuant to the religious discipline of the relevant denomination or faith; or
  • (ii) received the knowledge of the suspected maltreatment from the offender in the context of a statement of admission;
• An employee 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;

A clergy member (including a priest, minister, rabbi, accredited Christian Science practitioner, or any other similar functionary of a religious organization) has a duty to keep communications secret. Nothing shall limit a clergy member’s duty to report known or suspected elder and dependent adult abuse when he or she is acting in the capacity of a care custodian, health practitioner, or employee.

California

Any person who has assumed full or intermittent responsibility for the care or custody of an elder or dependent adult, whether or not they receive compensation, including administrators, supervisors, and any licensed staff of a public or private facility that provides care or services for elder or dependent adults;

Any elder or dependent adult care custodian;

A health practitioner (including a physician and surgeon, psychiatrist, psychologist, dentist, resdient intern, podiatrist, chiropractor, registered nurse, dental hygienist, licensed clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, or any other person who is currently licensed under Division 2 (commencing with Section 500) of the Business and Professions Code, any emergency medical technician I or II, paramedic, or person certified pursuant to Division 2.5 (commencing with Section 1797) of the Health and Safety Code, a psychological assistant registered pursuant to Section 2915 of the Business and Professions Code, a marriage and family therapist intern, as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 4980.03 of the Business and Professions Code, or an unlicensed marriage and family therapist intern registered under Section 4980.44 of the Business and Professions Code, a clinical counselor trainee (as defined in subdivision (g) of Section 4999.12 of the Business and Professions Code), a clinical counselor registered pursuant to Section 4980.44 of the Business and Professions Code, a state or county public health or social service employee who treats an elder or a dependent adult for any condition, a coroner, or a substance use disorder counselor. As used in this section, a “substance use disorder counselor” is a person providing counseling services in an alcoholism or drug abuse recovery and treatment program licensed, certified, or funded under Part 2 (commencing with Section 15600) of Division 10.5 of the Business and Professions Code;

A clergy member (including a priest, minister, rabbi, religious practitioner, or similar functionary of a church, synagogue, temple, mosque, or recognized religious denomination or organization, but excluding any unpaid volunteers whose principal occupation or vocation does not involve active or ordained ministry in a church, synagogue, temple, mosque, or recognized religious denomination or organization, and who periodically visit elder or dependent adults on behalf of that church, synagogue, temple, mosque, or recognized religious denomination or organization);

A clergy member who acquires knowledge or reasonable suspicion of elder or dependent adult abuse during a penitential communication is not a mandated reporter. “Penitential communication” means a communication that is intended to be in confidence, including, but not limited to, a sacramental confession made to a clergy member who, in the course of the discipline or practice of his or her church, denomination, or organization, is authorized or accustomed to hear those communications and under the discipline tenets, customs, or practices of his or her church, denomination, or organization, has a duty to keep those communications secret. Nothing shall limit a clergy member’s duty to report known or suspected elder and dependent adult abuse when he or she is acting in the capacity of a care custodian, health practitioner, or employee.

A telephone report or confidential Internet reporting tool report shall be made immediately or as soon as practicably possible, and, if the initial report was made by telephone, a written report must be sent, or an Internet report shall be made, within two working days.

Also see timing requirements under “When is a report required and where does it go?” above for long-term care facilities, state mental hospitals and state developmental centers.

Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act, Ca. Welf. & Inst. §§ 15600 et seq.
employee of an adult protective services agency.

- An employee of a county adult protective services agency or a local law enforcement agency;
- County in-home support services agency, county public authority;
- All officers and employees of financial institutions are mandated reporters of suspected financial abuse; and
- Any notary public who, in connection with providing notary services, has observed or has knowledge of suspected financial abuse of an elder or dependent adult is a mandatory reporter of suspected financial abuse.

Colorado

Any of the following, whether paid or unpaid, who observes the mistreatment of an at-risk elder or an at-risk adult with intellectual and developmental disability (IDD), or who has reasonable cause to believe that an at-risk elder or an at-risk adult with IDD has been mistreated or is at imminent risk of mistreatment shall report such fact:

- Any person providing health care or health-care-related services, including general medical, surgical, or nursing services; medical, surgical, or nursing specialty services; dental services; vision services; pharmacy services; chiropractic services; naturopathic medicine services; or physical, occupational, musical, or other therapies;
- Hospital and long-term care facility personnel engaged in the admission, care, or treatment of patients;
- First responders, including emergency medical service providers, fire protection personnel, law enforcement officers, and persons employed by, contracting with, or volunteering with any law enforcement agency, including victim advocates;
- Medical examiners and coroners;
- Code enforcement officers;
- Psychologists, addiction counselors, professional counselors, marriage and family therapists, and registered psychotherapists, as those persons are defined in article 245 of title 12;
- Social workers, as defined in part 4 of article 245 of title 12;
- Staff of community-centered boards;
- Staff, consultants, or independent contractors of service agencies as defined in section 25.5-10-202(34), C.R.S.;
- Staff or consultants for a licensed or unlicensed, certified or uncertified, care facility, agency, home, or governing board, including but not limited to long-term care facilities, home care agencies, or home health providers;
- Staff of, or consultants for, a home care placement agency, as defined in section 25-27.5-102(5), C.R.S.;
- Persons performing case management or assistant services for at-risk elders or at-risk adults with IDD;
- Staff of county departments of human or social services;
- Staff of the state departments of human services, public health and environment, or health care policy and financing;
- Staff of senior congregate centers or senior research or outreach organizations;
- Staff, and staff of contracted providers, of area agencies on aging, except attorneys at law providing legal assistance to individuals pursuant to a contract with an area agency on aging, the staff of such attorneys at law, and the long-term care ombudsmen;
- Employees, contractors, and volunteers operating specialized transportation services for at-risk elders and at-risk adults with IDD;
- Court-appointed guardians and conservators;
- Personnel at schools serving persons in preschool through twelfth grade;
- Clergy members; except that the reporting requirement does not apply to a person who acquires reasonable cause to believe that an at-risk elder or an at-risk adult with IDD has been mistreated or has been exploited or is at imminent risk of mistreatment or exploitation during a communication about which the person may not be examined as a witness, unless the person also acquires such reasonable cause from a source other than such a communication;
- Personnel of banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions, and other lending or financial institutions;
  - who directly observe in person the mistreatment of an at-risk elder or an at-risk adult with IDD; or
  - who have reasonable cause to believe that an at-risk elder has been

For reports involving at-risk elders and at-risk adults with IDD, reports shall be made not more than 24 hours after making the observation or discovery.

Connecticut

For Elderly Persons:
- Any of the following who has reasonable cause to suspect or believe that any elderly person has been abused, neglected, exploited or abandoned, or is in need of protective services:
  - Physicians or surgeons;
  - Resident physicians or interns in any hospital in the state, whether or not so licensed;
  - Registered nurses;
  - Nursing home administrators;
  - Nurse’s aides or orderlies in a nursing home facility or residential care home;
  - Any person paid for caring for a resident in a nursing home facility or residential care home;
  - Any staff person employed by a nursing home facility or residential care home;
  - Residents’ advocate, other than a representative of the Office of the Long Term–Care Ombudsman, including the State Ombudsman;
  - Licensed practical nurses;
  - Medical examiners;
  - Dentists;
  - Optometrists;
  - Chiropractors;
  - Podiatrists;
  - Social workers;
  - Clergymen;
  - Police officers;
  - Pharmacists;
  - Psychologists;
  - Physical therapists; and
  - Any person paid for caring for an elderly person by any institution, organization, agency or facility including, without limitation, any employee of a community-based services provider, senior center, home care agency, homemaker and companion agency, adult day care center, village-model community and congregate housing facility;
  - Licensed or certified emergency medical services;
  - Paratransit vehicle drivers.

For Persons with intellectual disability or any person who receives services from the Department of Social Services’ (DSS) Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services:
- Any of the following who has reasonable cause to suspect or believe that any person with intellectual disability or any person who receives services from the DSS Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services has been abused or neglected:
  - Physicians or surgeons;
  - Resident physicians or interns in any hospital in Connecticut;
  - Registered nurses, whether or not so licensed;
  - Persons paid for caring for persons in any facility;
  - Licensed practical nurses;
  - Medical examiners;
  - Dental hygienists;
  - Dentists;
  - Occupational therapists;
  - Optometrists;
  - Chiropractors;
  - Psychologists;
  - Podiatrists;
  - Social workers;
  - School teachers, principals, guidance counselors, counselors and paraprofessionals;
  - Licensed behavior analysts;
  - Mental health professionals;
  - Physician assistants;
  - Licensed or certified substance abuse counselors;
  - Licensed marital and family therapists;
  - Speech and language pathologists;
  - Clergymen;
  - Police officers;
  - Pharmacists;
  - Physical therapists;
  - Licensed professional counselors;
  - Sexual assault counselors; and
  - Domestic violence counselors.

For Elderly Persons:
- Reports must be made within 72 hours after such suspicion or belief arose.

For Persons with intellectual disability or any person who receives services from the DSS Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services:
- Reports must be made as soon as practicable, but no later than 48 hours after such suspicion or belief arose.
- The initial report must be followed up by a written report not later than 5 calendar days after the initial report was made.

Delaware

Any person.

Financial institutions can report suspected financial exploitation using this Form which should be emailed to DelawareADRC@state.de.us and IPU.seniorprotection@state.de.us with the subject line ATTENTION: Suspected Financial Exploitation.
Any person who, may, comes into contact with elderly or disabled adults, including, but not limited to: physicians, medical interns, medical examiners, nurses, chiropractors, hospital personnel engaged in the admission, examination, care or treatment of persons, social workers, employees of nursing homes, senior citizens centers and adult day care centers, employees of nursing homes, senior citizens centers and adult day care centers, social workers, and any other person who has knowledge that a report is needed.

If an immediate report to the department is not possible, the report shall be made to the appropriate law enforcement agency or prosecuting attorney.

Reports must be made immediately.

The report may be made by oral or written communication. The statute does not provide a timeframe in which reports must be made.

For residents of long-term care facilities:

- Report shall be made immediately by telephone or in person to the department.
- If an immediate report to the department is not possible, the report shall be made to the appropriate law enforcement agency or prosecuting attorney.
- A written report shall be made to the department within 24 hours after the initial report.

Reports shall be made immediately and may be written or oral.
### Hawaii

- Any of the following persons, in the performance of their professional or official duties, who know or have reason to believe that a vulnerable adult has incurred abuse or is in danger of abuse if immediate action is not taken:
  - Any licensed or registered professional of the healing arts and any health-related occupation who examines, treats, or provides other professional or specialized services to a vulnerable adult, including physicians, 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 agency or institution providing social, medical, hospital or mental health services, including financial assistance;
  - Employees or officers of any law enforcement agency, including the courts, police departments, correctional institutions, and parole or probation officers;
  - Employees or officers of any adult residential care home, adult day care center, or similar institution;
  - Medical examiners and coroners; and
  - Licensed social workers and non-licensed persons employed in a social worker position.

- However, no member of the clergy is required to report communications that are protected under Rule 506 of the Hawaii rules of evidence. This rule privileges communications made to a member of the clergy in his or her capacity as a spiritual advisor.

- A financial institution whose employee or officer has direct contact with the elder or reviews or approves the elder’s financial documents, records, or transactions, and within the scope of employment or professional practice:
  - Observes or has knowledge of an incident the officer or employee believes in good faith appears to be financial abuse; or
  - In the case of officers or employees who do not have direct contact with the elder, has a good faith suspicion that financial abuse has occurred or may be occurring, based solely on the information present at the time of reviewing or approving a document, record, or transaction.

### Idaho

- Physicians;
- Nurses;
- Employees of a public or private health facility, or a state licensed or certified residential facility serving vulnerable adults;
- Medical examiners;
- Dentists;
- Osteopaths;
- Optometrists;
- Chiropractors;
- Podiatrists;
- Social workers;
- Police officers;
- Pharmacists;
- Physical therapists; and
- Home care workers.

- Must report immediately.

- When there is reasonable cause to believe that abuse or sexual assault has resulted in death or serious physical injury jeopardizing the life, health or safety of a vulnerable adult, must also report within four (4) hours to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

### Illinois

- Any of the following persons, while engaged in carrying out their professional duties, are defined as a “Mandated reporter”:
  - A professional or professional’s delegate while engaged in:
    - Social services;
    - Law enforcement;
    - Education;
    - The care of an eligible adult or eligible adults, or
    - Any of the occupations required to be licensed under:
      - The Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act;
      - The Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act;
      - The Illinois Dental Practice Act;
      - The Dietitian Nutritionist Practice Act;
      - The Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing Act;
      - The Medical Practice Act of 1987;
      - The Naprapathic Practice Act;
      - The Nurse Practice Act;
      - The Psychologist Practice Act.

- Report must be made by a Mandated reporter within 24 hours after developing the belief that an eligible adult has been subjected to abuse, abandonment, neglect, or financial exploitation.
• The Nursing Home Administrators Licensing and Disciplinary Act;
• The Illinois Occupational Therapy Practice Act;
• The Illinois Optometric Practice Act of 1987;
• The Pharmacy Practice Act;
• The Illinois Physical Therapy Act;
• The Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987;
• The Podiatric Medical Practice Act of 1987;
• The Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing Act;
• The Respiratory Care Practice Act;
• The Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act;
• The Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004; and
• The Illinois Public Accounting Act.

An employee of an entity providing developmental disabilities services or service coordination funded by the Department of Human Services;

An employee of a vocational rehabilitation facility prescribed or supervised by the Department of Human Services;

An administrator, employee, or person providing services in or through an unlicensed community based facility;

Any religious practitioner who provides treatment by prayer or spiritual means alone in accordance with the tenets and practices of a recognized church or religious denomination, except as to information received in any confession or sacred communication held by the denomination to be confidential;

Field personnel of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, Department of Public Health, and Department of Human Services, and any county or municipal health department;

Personnel of the Department of Human Services, the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission, the State Fire Marshal, local fire departments, the Department on Aging and its subsidiary Area Agencies on Aging and provider agencies, and the Office of State Long Term Care Ombudsman;

Any employee of the State of Illinois not otherwise specified herein who is involved in providing services to eligible adults, including professionals providing medical or rehabilitation services and all other persons having direct contact with eligible adults;

A person who performs the duties of a coroner or medical examiner; and

A person who performs the duties of a paramedic or an emergency medical technician.

Indiana Any person who believes or has reason to believe that another individual is an endangered adult.

In addition, if a person is a mandatory reporter due to his or her role on the staff of a medical or other public or private institution, school, hospital, facility, or agency, that person must immediately notify the individual in charge of such facility, who also becomes responsible to report or cause a report to be made.

A qualified individual is required to report financial exploitation of a financially vulnerable adult. A "qualified individual" means an individual associated with a broker-dealer or investment adviser who serves in a supervisory, compliance, or legal capacity as part of the individual's job.

Iowa Any person who, in the course of employment, examines, attends, counsels, or treats a dependent adult, including the following:

A member of the staff of a community mental health center;

A peace officer;

An in-home homemaker-home health aide;

An individual employed as an outreach person;

A health practitioner, as regulated by the state;

A member of the staff or an employee of a supported community living service, sheltered workshop, or work activity center;

A social worker; and

A certified psychologist.

Kansas Any of the following:

Any person who is licensed to practice any branch of the healing arts;

A licensed psychologist;

A licensed master level psychologist;

A licensed clinical psychologist;

The chief administrative officer of a medical care facility;

An adult care home administrator or operator;

A licensed social worker;

A licensed professional nurse;

A licensed practical nurse;

A licensed mortgage and family

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<td><strong>Kentucky</strong></td>
<td>Any person, including but not limited to physician, law enforcement officer, nurse, social worker, cabinet personnel, coroner, medical examiner, alternate care facility employee, or caretaker.</td>
<td>Oral or written report shall be made immediately.</td>
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<td><strong>Louisiana</strong></td>
<td>Any person (including but not limited to a health, mental health, and social service practitioner).</td>
<td>Not specified in statute.</td>
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<td><strong>Maine</strong></td>
<td>Any of the following persons, while acting in a professional capacity: Allopathic or osteopathic physician; Medical resident or intern; Medical examiner; Physician’s assistant; Dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant; Chiropractor; Podiatrist; Registered or licensed practical nurse; Certified nursing assistant; Social worker; Psychologist; Pharmacist; Physical therapist; Speech therapist; Occupational therapist; Mental health professional; Law enforcement official, corrections officer, or other person holding a certification from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy; Emergency room personnel; Ambulance attendant; Emergency medical technician, or other licensed medical service provider; Unlicensed assistant personnel; A humane agent employed by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry; Member of the clergy acquiring the information as a result of clerical professional work (except for information learned through confidential communications); Sexual assault counselors; Family or domestic violence victim advocates; Naturopathic doctor; Respiratory therapist; Court-appointed guardian or conservator; and Chair of a professional licensing board that has jurisdiction over mandatory reporters.</td>
<td>Must make oral report of suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation immediately. If requested by the Department of Health and Human Services, must follow with a written report within 48 hours.</td>
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• Any person who has assumed full, intermittent, or occasional responsibility for the care and control of the incapacitated or dependent adult, 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 the members of that church or religious institution, while acting in that capacity, regardless of whether that person is compensated; and
• Any person providing transportation services as a volunteer or employees of an agency, business or other entity, regardless of whether the services are provided for compensation.

A mandatory reporter acting in their professional capacity is also required to report when all of the following are met:
• The abuse, neglect or exploitation:
  • The factual basis for knowing or suspecting abuse, neglect or exploitation derives from the professional’s treatment of the person suspected of causing the abuse, neglect or exploitation;
  • The treatment was sought by the person for a problem relating to the abuse, neglect or exploitation; and
  • Their opinion is that the abused, neglected or exploited adult’s life or health is not immediately threatened.

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  • The factual basis for knowing or suspecting abuse, neglect or exploitation derives from the professional’s treatment of the person suspected of being abused, neglected or exploited;
  • The treatment was sought by the person for a problem relating to the abuse, neglect or exploitation; and
  • Their opinion is that the abused, neglected or exploited adult is not incapacitated, and his or her life or health is not immediately threatened.

Reports should be made immediately. See https://dhs.maryland.gov/documents/Brochures/Adult%20Services%20Flyers/SSA-AdultProtectiveAbuse_dg.pdf
• Vulnerable adult: Any health practitioner, police officer, or human service worker who contacts, examines, attends, or treats an alleged vulnerable adult.
• Developmentally Disabled: Any person.
• Mentally Ill Resident in Facility: Any person.
• Resident of Related Institution: Any person.

• Family: Any of the following:
  • physician, physician assistant, medical intern, dentist, nurse;
  • family counselor;
  • probation officer;
  • social worker;
  • police officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician;
  • animal control officer;
  • coroner;
  • registered physical or occupational therapist;
  • chiropractor, podiatrist, osteopath;
  • director of a licensed home health agency; or
  • executive director of a homemaker service agency or manager of an assisted living residence.

• Disabled: Any of the following, when acting in his or her professional capacity, and except when prevented by the constraints of professional privilege:
  • Physician, medical intern, hospital personnel engaged in the examination, care or treatment of persons, medical examiner, dentist, psychologist, nurse, chiropractor, podiatrist, osteopath, public or private school teacher,

Maryland

• Elderly: Any of the following:
  • public or private school teacher,
  • chiropractor, podiatrist, osteopath, psychologist, nurse,
  • social worker;
  • probation officer;
  • family counselor;
  • intern, dentist, nurse;
  • physician, physician assistant, medical intern, dentist, nurse;
  • family counselor;
  • probation officer;
  • social worker;
  • police officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician;
  • animal control officer;
  • coroner;
  • registered physical or occupational therapist;
  • chiropractor, podiatrist, osteopath;
  • director of a licensed home health agency; or
  • executive director of a homemaker service agency or manager of an assisted living residence.

• Disabled: Any of the following, when acting in his or her professional capacity, and except when prevented by the constraints of professional privilege:
  • Physician, medical intern, hospital personnel engaged in the examination, care or treatment of persons, medical examiner, dentist, psychologist, nurse, chiropractor, podiatrist, osteopath, public or private school teacher,
an educational administrator, guidance or family counselor, day care worker, probation officer, animal control officer, social worker, foster parent, police officer or person employed by a state agency within the executive office of health and human services (see below for further detail), or employed by a private agency providing services to disabled persons.

The above includes:
- the department of elder affairs;
- the office of health services (which houses the department of public health, the department of mental health, the division of medical assistance, and the Betsy Lehman center for patient safety and medical error reduction);
- the office of children, youth and family services (which houses the department of children and families, the department of transitional assistance, the department of youth services, the child abuse prevention board, and the office for refugees and immigrants);
- the office of disabilities and community services (which houses the department of developmental services, the MA rehabilitation commission, the MA commission for the blind, and the MA commission for the deaf and hard of hearing);
- the department of veterans’ services (which houses the Soldiers’ Home in Massachusetts and the Soldiers’ Home in Holyoke);
- the managed care oversight board; and
- the health facilities appeals board.

Michigan

A person who is employed, licensed, registered or certified to provide health care, educational, social welfare, mental health or other human services;

An employee of an agency licensed to provide health care, educational, social welfare, mental health or other human services;

A law enforcement officer; and

An employee of the office of the county medical examiner.

Reporter must orally report immediately, by telephone or otherwise, to the county department of social services of the county in which the abuse, neglect, or exploitation is suspected of having or believed to have occurred.

Minn. St. §§ 626.557, 626.5572.

Minnesota

A professional, or professional’s delegate, while engaged in:
- social services;
- law enforcement;
- education;
- care of vulnerable adults;
- nursing home administrators;
- unlicensed complementary and alternative healthcare providers;
- physicians;
- nurses;
- chiropractors;
- optometrists;
- physical therapists;
- psychologists;
- social workers;
- marriage and family therapists;
- behavioral health and therapy practitioners;
- dieticians and nutritionists;
- dentists;
- pharmacists;
- podiatrists;
- employees of a rehabilitation facility certified by the state;
- employees of any hospital, nursing home, or hospice facility; and
- anyone that performs the duties of the medical examiner or coroner.

An oral report must be made as soon as possible via telephone or otherwise, but not longer than 24 hours from the time initial knowledge of an incident is received.


Mississippi

Any person, including but not limited to any:
- attorney;
- physician;
- osteopathic physician;
- medical examiner, chiropractor, nurse engaged in the admission, examination, care or treatment of vulnerable persons;
- other health professional or mental health professional;
- practitioner who relies solely on spiritual means for healing;
- social worker;
- family protection worker;
- family protection specialist or other professional care, residential or institutional staff;
- state, county, or municipal criminal justice employee or law enforcement officer;
- human rights advocacy committee or long-term care ombudsman council member;
- accountant, stockbroker, financial advisor or consultant; and
- insurance agent or consultant, investment advisor or consultant, financial planner, or any officer or employee of a bank, savings and loan, credit union or any other financial service provider.

If a reporter is reporting in the scope of his or her employment at a care facility, the report must be given orally or telephonically (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays) within 24 hours of discovery and a written report must be submitted within 72 hours of discovery.

All others must report immediately orally or in writing, but where the report is made orally, it must be followed up by a written report.
Group A (eligible adult) – Any adult day care worker; any person.

Group B (eligible adult) – Any adult day care worker; chiropractor; Christian Science practitioner; coroner; dentist; embalmer; employee of the departments of social services, mental health, or health and senior services; employee of a local area agency on aging or an organized area agency on aging program; emergency medical technician; firefighter; first responder; funeral director; home health agency or home health agency employee; hospital and clinic personnel engaged in examination, care, or treatment of persons; in-home services owner, provider, operator, or employee; law enforcement officer; long-term care facility administrator or employee; medical examiner; medical resident or intern; mental health professional; minister; nurse; nurse practitioner; optometrist; other health practitioner; peace officer; pharmacist; physical therapist; physician; physician’s assistant; podiatrist; probation or parole officer; psychologist; social worker; or other person with responsibility for the care of an eligible adult.

Company that provided management services to nursing home and its president were mandated reporters that were required to report abuse of elderly resident under statute, where they were responsible for the care of the resident (State v. Ronan, 119 S.W.3d 345 (Mo. Ct. App. 2004))

Group C (elderly or eligible adult residing in a facility) – Any adult day care worker; chiropractor; Christian Science practitioner; coroner; dentist; embalmer; employee of the departments of social services, mental health, or health and senior services; employee of a local area agency on aging or an organized area agency on aging program; funeral director; home health agency or home health agency employee; hospital and clinic personnel engaged in examination, care, or treatment of persons; in-home services owner, provider, operator, or employee; law enforcement officer; long-term care facility administrator or employee; medical examiner; medical resident or intern; mental health professional; minister; nurse; nurse practitioner; optometrist; other health practitioner; peace officer; pharmacist; physical therapist; physician; physician’s assistant; podiatrist; probation or parole officer; psychologist; social worker; or other person with responsibility for the care of a person 60 years of age or older or an eligible adult in a facility.

Group D (in-home services client) – Any adult day care worker; chiropractor; Christian Science practitioner; coroner; dentist; embalmer; employee of the departments of social services, mental health, or health and senior services; employee of a local area agency on aging or an organized area agency on aging program; firefighter; first responder; funeral director; home health agency or home health agency employee; hospital and clinic personnel engaged in examination, care, or treatment of persons; in-home services owner, provider, operator, or employee; law enforcement officer; long-term care facility administrator or employee; medical examiner; medical resident or intern; mental health professional; minister; nurse; nurse practitioner; optometrist; other health practitioner; peace officer; pharmacist; physical therapist; physician; physician’s assistant; podiatrist; probation or parole officer; psychologist; social worker; or other person with responsibility for the care of a person 60 years of age or older or an eligible adult in a facility.

Group E (personal care assistance services) – Any adult day care worker; chiropractor; Christian Science practitioner; coroner; dentist; embalmer; employee of the departments of social services, mental health, or health and senior services; employee of a local area agency on aging or an organized area agency on aging program; firefighter; first responder; funeral director; home health agency or home health agency employee; hospital and clinic personnel engaged in examination, care, or treatment of persons; in-home services owner, provider, operator, or employee; law enforcement officer; long-term care facility administrator or employee; medical examiner; medical resident or intern; mental health professional; minister; nurse; nurse practitioner; optometrist; other health practitioner; peace officer; pharmacist; physical therapist; physician; physician’s assistant; podiatrist; probation or parole officer; psychologist; social worker; or other person with responsibility for the care of a person 60 years of age or older or an eligible adult in a facility.

Group F (vulnerable person) – Attendant; or social worker.

Those persons listed above who must report reasonable cause to believe that abuse or neglect is being inflicted on either (i) a resident of a facility; (ii) a physically disabled person eligible to receive personal assistance services; (iii) a person 60 years of age or older; (iv) a person in the custody, care, or control of the Department of Mental Health, must make their report immediately. There is no mandatory timeframe listed for reporting the abuse of others.

Reports may be made orally or in writing.

### Nevada

- Every physician, dentist, dental hygienist, chiropractor, optometrist, podiatrist, physician, medical examiner, resident, intern, professional or practical nurse, physician assistant licensed, professional, psychologist, marriage and family therapist, clinical professional counselor, clinical alcohol and drug counselor, alcohol and drug counselor, music therapist, athletic trainer, driver of an ambulance, paramedic, licensed dietitian, holder of a license or a limited license, behavior analyst, assisted behavior analyst, registered behavior technician, peer recovery support specialist, peer recovery support specialist supervisor, or other person providing medical services licensed or certified to practice in Nevada, who examines, attends or treats an older person or a person with responsibility for the care of a vulnerable person.

### Montana

- Any of the following persons, as a result of any examination, care or treatment of persons:
  - A physician, resident, intern, professional or practical nurse, physician assistant, or member of a hospital staff engaged in the admission, examination, care, or treatment of persons;
  - An osteopath, dentist, dentist, chiropractor, optometrist, podiatrist, medical examiner, coroner, or any other health or mental health professional;
  - An ambulance attendant;
  - A social worker or other employee of the state, a county, a municipality assisting an older person or a person with a developmental disability in the application for or receipt of public assistance payments or services;
  - A person who maintains or is employed by a rooming house, retirement home or complex, nursing home, group home, adult foster care home, adult day-care center, or assisted living facility or an agency or individual that provides home health services or personal care in the home;
  - An attorney, unless the attorney acquired knowledge of the facts required to be reported from a client and the attorney-client privilege applies;
  - A peace officer or other law enforcement official;
  - A person providing services to an older person or a person with a developmental disability pursuant to a contract with a state or federal agency; and
  - An employee of the department of public health and human services while in the conduct of the employee’s duties.

### Nebraska

- Physician, psychologist, physician assistant, nurse, nurse assistant or other medical professional; or
- Law enforcement personnel;
- Caregiver or employee of caregiver;
- Operator or employee of a sheltered workshop;
- Owner, operator, or employee of any facility licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS); and
- Human services professional or paraprofessional not including members of the clergy.

### Timing

- Reporting is required within 48 hours.
- NV 200.5094

### Public Health and Human Services

- Any of the following persons, as a result of examination, care or treatment of persons:
  - A person providing medical services licensed or certified to practice in Nevada, who examines, attends or treats an older person or a person with responsibility for the care of a vulnerable person.
  - Any personal of a hospital or similar institution engaged in the admission, examination, care or treatment of persons or an administrator, manager or other person in charge of a hospital or similar facility.

### Reporting

- Reports are to be made orally, by telephone or in person, or in writing. A person who receives an oral report shall prepare it in writing as soon as possible.

- Timing not specified in statute.

### Additional Information

- Reports must be made as soon as reasonably practicable, but no later than 24 hours after the person knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the older person has been abused, neglected, exploited, isolated or abandoned.

### Statutes

institution upon notification of the suspected abuse, neglect, exploitation, isolation or abandonment of an older person or vulnerable person by a member of the staff of the hospital.
- Any person, including, but not limited to, physicians, other health care professionals, social workers, clergy, and law enforcement officials.

New Jersey

- For an Institutionalized Elderly Person: Any person, including, but not limited to, physicians, other health care professionals, social workers, clergy, and law enforcement officials.

New Mexico

- Resident Abuse and Neglect Act: Any person who owns or is employed by a funerary home or mortuary.

New York

- With respect to persons in residential health care facilities: Operators and employees of a residential health care facility; Employees of any corporation, partnership, organization or other entity which, or other person who, is under contract with a residential health care facility; Nursing home administrators; Physicians; Medical examiners; Coroner; Physician’s associates; Specialist’s assistants; Osteopaths; Chiropractors; Physical therapists; Occupational therapists; Registered professional nurses; Licensed practical nurses; Dentists; Podiatrists; Optometrists; Pharmacists; Psychologists; Licensed master social workers; Licensed clinical social workers; Social pathologists; or Audiologists.
- With respect to vulnerable persons (note: certain other mandatory reporters are included in the statute which appear to be solely applicable to children):
  - Custodian;
For any vulnerable adult, when acting in his
a mandated
Elderly
report the
: Ohio Rev.
Disabled
Ohio Rev. Code
Any:
: enforcement agency.
services' designee or to an appropriate law
services or the department of human
in abuse or neglect,
reasonably would result
being subjected to conditions or
neglect, or who observes a vulnerable adult
reasonable cause to believe that a vulnerable
reporter of suspected abuse or neglect.
: care ombudsman is
following:
: disabilities or mental illness, any of the
For any adult with developmental
disabilities professional;
: Employee of a community mental
of health;
: Employee of a board of health of a
adults;
: Employee of a licensed residential
facility;
: Employee of a nursing home or
facility;
: Employee of a public hospital;
: Employee of an outpatient health
facility;
: Employee of a home health agency;
: Certified dialysis technician;
: Independent marriage and family
therapist;
: Professional clinical counselor;
: Professional counselor;
: Independent social worker;
: Social worker;
: Psychologist;
: Licensed practical nurse;
: Registered nurse;
: Chiropractor;
: Podiatrist;
: Osteopath;
: podiatric medicine and surgery);
: osteopathic medicine and surgery,
practice medicine and surgery,
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in the capacity of spiritual adviser); or
member of the clergy is not required
attorney; or
District attorney or assistant district
attorney; or
Police officer;
: Law enforcement officer;
: Medical, mental health professional or
Medical, mental health professional or
inappropriate law
enforcement official.
: Police or law enforcement officer; or
devotional disabilities professional;
: An individual in the position of a long-term
care ombudsman is a mandated
reporter of suspected abuse or neglect.
Any person not required to report who has
reasonable cause to believe that a vulnerable
adult has been subjected to abuse or
neglect, or who observes a vulnerable adult
being subjected to conditions or
circumstances that reasonably would result
in abuse or neglect, must report the
information to the department of human
services or the department of human
services' designee or to an appropriate law
enforcement agency.

**Notes:**
- Any person.
- Any financial institution, or officer or
employee thereof (with respect to financial
exploitation).

**North Carolina**
- For any vulnerable adult, when acting in his
or her official or professional capacity, any:
- Medical, mental health professional or
personnel;
- Law enforcement officer;
- Firefighter;
- Member of the clergy (except a
member of the clergy is not required to
report if the information is received
in the capacity of spiritual adviser); or
- Caregiver;
- For any adult with developmental
disabilities or mental illness, any of the
following:
- Medical, mental health, or
disability service professional;
- Educational professional;
- Police or law enforcement officer;
- Caretaker;
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disabilities or mental illness, any of the
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**Ohio**
- Attorney admitted to practice in Ohio;
- Physician (individuals authorized to
practice medicine and surgery,
osteopathic medicine and surgery, or
orthopaedic medicine and surgery);
- Osteopath;
- Podiatrist;
- Chiropractor;
- Dentist;
- Registered nurse;
- Licensed practical nurse;
- Psychologist;
- Social worker;
- Independent social worker;
- Professional counselor;
- Professional clinical counselor;
- Marriage and family therapist;
- Independent marriage and family
therapist;
- Pharmacist;
- Certified dialysis technician;
- Employee of a home health agency;
- Employee of an outpatient health
facility;
- Employee of a hospital;
- Employee of a public hospital;
- Employee of a nursing home or
residential care facility;
- Employee of a residential
facility that provides accommodations,
supervision, and personal care
services for three to sixteen unrelated
adults;
- Employee of a health department
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authority having the duties of a board of
health;
- Employee of a community mental

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**Timing:**
- Timing not specified. Reports may be made orally or in writing.
- With respect to financial exploitation, as soon as practicable, with reasonable allowance to be made for the
time required to retrieve older data or records that are not readily or immediately retrievable due to their
current storage media.

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- Law enforcement officer;
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- Professional clinical counselor;
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- Employee of a hospital;
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- Licensed practical nurse;
- Psychologist;
- Social worker;
- Independent social worker;
- Professional counselor;
- Professional clinical counselor;
- Marriage and family therapist;
- Independent marriage and family
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- Pharmacist;
- Certified dialysis technician;
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- Employee of a hospital;
- Employee of a public hospital;
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facility that provides accommodations,
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health agency;
• Agent of a county humane society;
• Firefighter;
• Ambulance driver for an emergency medical service organization;
• First responder;
• Emergency Medical Technician-Basic;
• Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate;
• Paramedic;
• Official employed by a local building department to conduct inspections of houses and other residential buildings;
• Peace officer;
• Coroner;
• Member of the clergy;
• Certified Public Accountant;
• Licensed real estate broker or real estate salesperson;
• Notary public;
• Employee of a bank, savings bank, savings and loan association, or credit union organized under the laws of Ohio, another state, or the United States;
• Licensed dealer, investment adviser, sales person, or investment advisor representative;
• Financial planner accredited by a national accreditation agency; or
• Other individual who is a senior service provider, other than a representative of the office of the state long-term care ombudsman program.
• Disabled, Any:
  • Physician, including a hospital intern or resident;
  • Dentist;
  • Podiatrist;
  • Chiropractor;
  • Practitioner of a limited branch of medicine;
  • Hospital administrator or employee of a hospital;
  • Nurse;
  • Employee of an outpatient health facility;
  • Employee of a home health agency;
  • Employee of a residential facility that provides accommodations, supervision, and personal care services for three to sixteen unrelated adults;
  • Employee of a community mental health facility;
  • School teacher or school authority;
  • Licensed professional clinical counselor;
  • Licensed professional counselor;
  • Independent social worker;
  • Social worker;
  • Independent marriage and family therapist;
  • Marriage and family therapist;
  • Psychologist;
  • Attorney;
  • Peace officer;
  • Coroner;
  • Residents’ rights advocate;
  • Superintendent, board member, or employee of a county board of developmental disabilities;
  • Administrator, board member, or employee of a residential facility;
  • Administrator, board member, or employee of any other public or private provider of services to an individual with a developmental disability;
  • Developmental disabilities employee, defined as:
    • An employee of the department of developmental disabilities;
    • An employee of a county board of developmental disabilities;
    • An employee in a position that includes providing specialized services to an individual with a developmental disability; or
    • An independent provider, defined as a provider who provides supported living on a self-employed basis and does not employ, directly or through contract, another person to provide the supported living;
  • Member of a citizen’s advisory council established at an institution or branch institution of the department of developmental disabilities;
  • Member of the clergy who is employed in a position that includes providing specialized services to an individual with a developmental disability and who, while acting in a professional capacity in that position, or
  • Person who is employed in a position that includes providing specialized services to an individual with a developmental disability and who, while acting in an official or professional capacity in that position;
• The following are expressly not required to report:
  • Employees of the Ohio protection and advocacy system.
  • Any attorney or physician is not required to make a report concerning
Oregon

Protection Services for Vulnerable Adults Act

- Any person
- Persons required to make reports shall include, but not be limited to:
  - Physician;
  - Operator of emergency response vehicles and other medical professionals;
  - Social workers and mental health professionals;
  - Law enforcement officials;
  - Staff of domestic violence programs;
  - Long-term care facility personnel (including staff of nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities, assisted living facilities, and residential care facilities);
  - Other health care professionals;
  - Persons entering into transactions with a caretaker or other person who has assumed the role of financial management for a vulnerable adult;
  - Staff of residential care facilities, group homes, or employment settings for individuals with intellectual disabilities;
  - Job coaches, community service workers, and personal care assistants; and
  - Municipal employees.

Nursing Home Care Act

- A facility employee, agent, or administrator

**Note:** In both acts, the definitions apply:

- Any communication the attorney or physician receives from a client or patient in an attorney-client or physician-patient relationship, if the attorney or physician could not testify with respect to that communication in a civil or criminal proceeding, except that the client or patient is deemed to have waived any testimonial privilege and the attorney or physician shall make a report, if both of the following apply:
  - The client or patient, at the time of the communication, is an individual with a developmental disability; and
  - The attorney or physician knows or suspects, as a result of the communication or any observations made during that communication, that the client or patient has sustained or is facing a substantial risk of suffering any wound, injury, disability, or condition of a nature that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of the client or patient.

- The attorney or physician must promptly report any communication in writing, or otherwise immediately to the local office of the Department of Human Services, the designee of the department or a law enforcement agency within the county where the person making the report is at the time of contact.

- The report must be made as soon as the reporter is aware of the situation and can be oral or in writing. If the report is not made in writing in the first instance, as soon as possible after it is initially made by telephone or otherwise, the report shall be reduced to writing by the Department of Human Services.

- An employee or agent of a facility who becomes aware of abuse, neglect or exploitation of a resident prohibited by the Nursing Home Care Act shall immediately report the matter to the facility administrator. A facility administrator who becomes aware of abuse, neglect or exploitation of a resident shall immediately act to rectify the problem and shall make a report of the incident and its correction to the Department of Health.

- The facility is responsible for reporting the following serious incidents to the Department of Health within 24 hours: communicable diseases; deaths by unusual occurrence, including accidental deaths or deaths other than by natural causes, and deaths that may be attributed to a medical device; missing residents (also to local law enforcement agencies within the county where the rape or a criminal act is suspected (also to local law enforcement immediately); and resident abuse, neglect and misappropriation of the property of a resident.

- All initial written reports of incidents or situations shall be mailed to the Department of Health within 5 working days after the incident or situation.

- Pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, the initial report must be made by telephone or otherwise immediately to the local office of the Department of Human Services or to a law enforcement agency within the county where the person making the report is at the time of contact.

- Pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, oral reports must be made immediately by telephone or otherwise to the Department of Human Services, the designee of the department or a law enforcement agency within the county where the person making the report is at the time of contact.

- Upon receipt of a report of abuse under this section, the department or its designee shall notify:
  - The agency providing primary case management services to the adult; and
  - The guardian or case manager of the adult unless the notification would undermine the integrity of the investigation because the guardian or case manager is suspected of committing abuse.
### Pennsylvania

**An employee of:**
- An intermediate care home;
- A home health care agency;
- A long-term care nursing facility;
- An elderly adult daily living center; and
- A personal care home.

The term “employee” includes contract employees who have direct contact with residents or un supervised access to their personal living quarters, and any person who is employed or who enters into a contractual relationship to provide care to a care-dependent individual for monetary consideration in the individual’s place of residence.

A person responsible for the administration of any of the above listed facilities, including persons responsible for employment decisions and independent contractors.

**Reports must be made orally and immediately.**

An employee shall notify the administrator immediately following the report to the agency.

Within 48 hours of making the oral report, the employee or administrator shall make a written report to the agency. The agency shall notify the administrator that a report of abuse has been made with the agency.

The employee may request the administrator to make or to assist the employee to make the oral and written reports required.

### Puerto Rico

**Any person, including:**
- Professors or public officials, public or private or privatized entities that in their professional capacity and in the discharge of their functions have knowledge or suspicion that an elderly person is, has been, or is at risk of being a victim of abuse, institutional abuse, abuse by negligence and/or abuse by institutional negligence;
- Health, education, social work and law enforcement professionals; and
- Persons engaged in directing or working in care institutions or establishments that offer care services.

**Not specified.**

### Rhode Island

**Report:**
- Any person.
- Any physician, physician assistant, medical intern, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, nurse’s aide, orderly, certified nursing assistant, medical examiner, dentist, optometrist, optician, chiropractor, podiatrist, coroner, police officer, probation officer, emergency medical technician, firefighter, speech pathologist, audiologist, social worker, pharmacist, physical or occupational therapist, or health officer.

**Disabled:** Any person who, within the scope of their employment at a facility or in their professional capacity, who has knowledge of or reasonable cause to believe that a participant in a program has been abused, mistreated or neglected.

**Developmentally Disabled (in a Program):**
- An employee of an in-home health service program or private agency contracting with a public body to provide any community mental health service;
- Peace officer;
- Member of the clergy;
- Regulated social worker;
- Physical, speech, or occupational therapist;
- Information and referral, outreach, or crisis worker;
- Attorney;
- Licensed professional counselor or licensed marriage and family therapist;
- Any public official;
- Firefighter or emergency medical services provider;
- Member of the Legislative Assembly;
- Personal support worker;
- Home care worker; or
- An individual paid by the Department of Human Services to provide a service identified in an individualized written service plan of an adult with a developmental disability.

**Reports must be made orally and immediately.**

An employee shall notify the administrator immediately following the report to the agency.

Within 24 hours of being discharged, the employee or employer shall make a written report to the agency. The agency shall notify the administrator that a report of abuse has been made with the agency.

The employee may request the administrator to make or to assist the employee to make the oral and written reports required.

### Rhode Island

- Any employee of a
  - Personal Care Home.
  - An Elderly Adult Daily Living Center.
  - An Adult Home Health Care Agency.
  - A Home Health Care Agency.
  - An Elderly Adult In-Home Service Program.
  - A Home Health Care Agency.
  - A Long-Term Care Nursing Facility.
  - A Personal Care Home.

The term “employee” includes contract employees who have direct contact with residents or un supervised access to their personal living quarters, and any person who is employed or who enters into a contractual relationship to provide care to an individual for monetary consideration in the individual’s place of residence.

A person responsible for the administration of any of the above listed facilities, including persons responsible for employment decisions and independent contractors.

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The employee may request the administrator to make or to assist the employee to make the oral and written reports required.

### Rhode Island

- Any person, including:
  - Physicians, including any intern or resident;
  - Psychologists, including any intern or resident;
  - Chiropractors, including any intern or resident;
  - Licensed practical nurses;
  - Registered nurses;
  - Home health aides;
  - Employees of an in-home health service program or private agency contracting with a public body to provide any community mental health service;
  - Employees of the Department of Human Services or Oregon Health Authority, local health department, community mental health program or community developmental disabilities program;
  - Appropriate professionals providing care to a client in a Public Authority, local health department, community mental health program or community developmental disabilities program;
  - Appropriate professionals providing care to a client in a Public Authority, local health department, community mental health program or community developmental disabilities program;
  - Appropriate professionals providing care to a client in a Public Authority, local health department, community mental health program or community developmental disabilities program;
  - Appropriate professionals providing care to a client in a Public Authority, local health department, community mental health program or community developmental disabilities program;
  - Appropriate professionals providing care to a client in a Public Authority, local health department, community mental health program or community developmental disabilities program;
  - Appropriate professionals providing care to a client in a Public Authority, local health department, community mental health program or community developmental disabilities program;

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### Rhode Island

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<td>Physician; Nurse; Dentist; Optometrist; Medical examiner; Coroner; Other medical, mental health, or allied health professional; Christian Science practitioner; Religious healer; School teacher; Counselor; Psychologist; Mental health or intellectual disability specialist; Social or public assistance worker; Caregiver; Staff or volunteer of an adult day care center or facility; Law enforcement officer; and anyone with actual knowledge of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.</td>
<td>A person required to report under this section must report the incident within twenty-four hours or the next working day. May be made in writing or orally.</td>
<td>Any staff member of a nursing facility, assisted living facility, adult day care center, or community support provider, or any residential care giver, individual providing homemaker services, victim advocate, or hospital personnel engaged in the admission, examination, care, or treatment of elderly or disabled adults.</td>
<td>43-35-10, 43-35-13, 43-35-25, 43-35-30, 43-35-35, 43-35-50, 43-35-55, 43-35-73, 43-35-85.</td>
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<td>South Dakota</td>
<td>Any physician, dentist, doctor of osteopathy, chiropractor, optometrist, podiatrist, religious healing practitioner, hospital intern or resident, nurse, paramedic, emergency medical technician, social worker, or any health care professional; Any psychologist, licensed mental health professional, or counselor engaged in professional counseling; Any state, county, or municipal criminal justice employee or law enforcement officer; or Any staff member of a nursing facility, assisted living facility, adult day care center, or community support provider, or any residential care giver, individual providing homemaker services, victim advocate, or hospital personnel engaged in the admission, examination, care, or treatment of elderly or disabled adults.</td>
<td>Reports should be made orally or in writing within 24 hours of the obtaining of knowledge or suspicion of potential abuse, neglect, or exploitation.</td>
<td>Any psychologist, licensed mental health professional, or counselor engaged in professional counseling; Any state, county, or municipal criminal justice employee or law enforcement officer; or Any staff member of a nursing facility, assisted living facility, adult day care center, or community support provider, or any residential care giver, individual providing homemaker services, victim advocate, or hospital personnel engaged in the admission, examination, care, or treatment of elderly or disabled adults.</td>
<td>22-46-1, 22-46-1.1, 22-46-4, 22-46-9, 22-46-10, 22-46-12, 74-12-51.</td>
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<td>Tennessee</td>
<td>Any person, including, but not limited to, a physician, nurse, social worker, Department of Human Services personnel, coroner, medical examiner, alternate care facility employee, or caretaker.</td>
<td>Reports may be oral or written and must be made immediately upon knowledge of the occurrence of the suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation of an adult.</td>
<td>Any staff member of a nursing facility, assisted living facility, adult day care center, or community support provider, or any residential care giver, individual providing homemaker services, victim advocate, or hospital personnel engaged in the admission, examination, care, or treatment of elderly or disabled adults.</td>
<td>40-35-111, 71-6-102, 71-6-103, 71-6-105, 71-6-110, 71-6-123.</td>
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<td>Texas</td>
<td>Any person.</td>
<td>Reports are to be made immediately and can be made orally or in writing.</td>
<td>Any staff member of a nursing facility, assisted living facility, adult day care center, or community support provider, or any residential care giver, individual providing homemaker services, victim advocate, or hospital personnel engaged in the admission, examination, care, or treatment of elderly or disabled adults.</td>
<td>48.002, 48.051, 48.052, 48.053, 48.054, 48.253.</td>
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<td>Utah</td>
<td>Any person.</td>
<td>Report to be made immediately.</td>
<td>Any staff member of a nursing facility, assisted living facility, adult day care center, or community support provider, or any residential care giver, individual providing homemaker services, victim advocate, or hospital personnel engaged in the admission, examination, care, or treatment of elderly or disabled adults.</td>
<td>012.21, 12.35.</td>
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<td>Vermont</td>
<td>Employees, contractors and grantees of the Vermont Agency of Human Services who are involved in caregiving; Physician, osteopath, chiropractor, physician’s assistant, nurse, medical examiner, licensed nursing assistant, emergency medical services personnel, dentist, or psychologist; School teacher, school librarian, school administrator, school guidance counselor, school aide, school bus driver, or school employee or school contractor who works regularly with students; Mental health professional, social worker, person or organization that offers, provides, or arranges for personal care for vulnerable adults; a caregiver employed by a vulnerable adult; employee of or contractor involved in caregiving for a community mental health center; and an individual who works regularly with vulnerable adults and who is an employee of an adult day care center, area agency on aging, senior center, or meal program designed primarily to serve vulnerable adults; Law enforcement officer; and Hospital, nursing home, residential care home, home health agency or any entity providing nursing or nursing-related developmental disabilities related services for remuneration; intermediate care facility for adults with developmental disabilities; therapeutic community residence; group home, developmental home, school or contractor involved in caregiving, or an operator or employee of any of these facilities or agencies.</td>
<td>Oral or written report to be made as soon as possible but in no event later than 48 hours, followed-up (if oral) within 1 week by a written report.</td>
<td>012, 3-301, 62A-3-304, 62A-3-305, 76-3-201, 76-3-204, 76-3-301, 76-3-111.1.</td>
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<td>Oral report should be made by telephone immediately or as soon as reasonably practicable, and by a written report sent within two working days from the date of the reported incident.</td>
<td>Any staff member of a nursing facility, assisted living facility, adult day care center, or community support provider, or any residential care giver, individual providing homemaker services, victim advocate, or hospital personnel engaged in the admission, examination, care, or treatment of elderly or disabled adults.</td>
<td>34 V.S.A. 1054, 33 V.S.A. 6002, 6003, 6004, 6008, 6009.</td>
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<td>Virginia</td>
<td>Any of the following persons acting in their professional capacity:</td>
<td>Report must be made immediately orally or in writing upon the reporting person’s determination that there is reason to suspect abuse, neglect or exploitation.</td>
<td>Va. Code Ann. §§ 18.2-11, 63.2-100, 63.2-1601, 63.2-1606</td>
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<td>- Any person licensed, certified, or registered by health regulatory boards, with the exception of persons licensed by the Board of Veterinary Medicine;</td>
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<td>- Any mental health services provider;</td>
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<td>- Any emergency medical services provider certified by the Board of Health unless such provider immediately reports the suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation directly to the attending physician at the hospital to which the adult is transported (who shall make such report forthwith);</td>
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<td>- Any guardian or conservator of an adult;</td>
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<td>- Any person providing full, intermittent or occasional care to an adult for compensation, including but not limited to companion, chore, homemaker, and personal care workers; and</td>
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<td>Note: medical facilities inspectors of the Department of Health are exempt from immediate reporting while conducting federal inspection surveys.</td>
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<td>Washington</td>
<td>An employee of the Washington Department of Social and Health Services;</td>
<td>Initial report to be made immediately either orally or in writing.</td>
<td>Wash. Rev. Code §§ 9A.20.021, 74.34.020, 74.34.035, 74.34.050, 74.34.053, 74.34.180, 74.34.205</td>
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<td>- An employee or operator of a facility (e.g., assisted living facility, nursing home, adult family home, soldiers’ home, residential habilitation center or any other facility licensed or required to be licensed by the Washington Department of Social and Health Services);</td>
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<td>- An employee of a social service, welfare, mental health, adult day health, adult day care, home health, home care or hospice agency;</td>
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<td>West Virginia</td>
<td>Any medical, dental or mental health professional;</td>
<td>Reports shall be made immediately, and not more than 48 hours later, by telephone to the Department of Health and Human Resources’ local adult protective services agency.</td>
<td>W. Va. Code, §§ 9-6-1, 9-6-8, 9-6-9, 9-6-10, 9-6-11, 9-6-12, 9-6-13, 9-6-14</td>
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<td>- Any employee of any nursing home or other residential facility.</td>
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<td>Wisconsin</td>
<td>Any of the following who has seen an elder adult at risk or an adult at risk in the course of the person’s professional duties:</td>
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<td>Wis. Stat. Ann. §§ 46.90, 55.01, 55.043, 155.01</td>
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<td>- An employee of any entity that is licensed, certified, or approved by or registered with the Department of Health and Family Services;</td>
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