# Mandatory Reporting Requirements: The Elderly

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| Alabama   | • 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).  
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| Alaska    | • 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;  
<p>|           | • Guardians or conservators;                                                                                                                               • Police officers;                                                                                                    | • The report must be made not later than 24 hours after first having cause for the belief of abuse.                  | Alaska Stat. §§ 47.24.010, 47.24.130, 47.24.900, § 47.30.915.                                                                 |</p>
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<td><strong>Reports must be made immediately in person or by telephone and shall be followed by a written report mailed or delivered within 48 hours or on the next working day if the 48 hours expire on a weekend or holiday.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Physicians; Registered nurse practitioners; Hospital interns or residents; Surgeons; Dentists; Psychologists; Social workers; Peace officers; 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.</strong></td>
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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 enters the home of or has contact with an elderly person;
- 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, township, or municipality; and
- Any clergy member, including without limitation, ministers, priests, rabbis, accredited Christian Science practitioners, or any other similar functionaries 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.
California

- Any person who has assumed full or intermittent responsibility for the care or custody of an elder or dependent adult, whether or not he or she receives 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, resident, intern, podiatrist, chiropractor, registered nurse, dental hygienist, licensed clinical social worker or associate 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 2913 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 intern registered under Section 4999.42 of the Business and Professions Code, a state or county public health or social service employee who treats an elder

- 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.
or a dependent adult for any condition, or a coroner);

• 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 of an adult protective services agency.  
- An employee of a county adult protective services agency or a local law enforcement agency;  
- 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 | On and after July 1, 2016, any of the following, whether paid or unpaid, who observes the mistreatment of an at-risk elder or an at-risk adult with 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 | 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. | Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 18-6.5-102, 18-6.5-108; 26-3.1-101, 26.3.1-102. |
persons employed by, contracting with, or volunteering with any law enforcement agency, including victim advocates;

- Medical examiners and coroners;
- Code enforcement officers;
- Veterinarians;
- Psychologists, addiction counselors, professional counselors, marriage and family therapists, and registered psychotherapists, as those persons are defined in article 43 of title 12, C.R.S.;
- Social workers, as defined in part 4 of article 43 of title 12, C.R.S.;
- 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 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 who have reasonable cause to believe that an at-risk elder has been mistreated or is at imminent risk of mistreatment; and
- 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 adult with IDD or who have reasonable cause to believe that an at-risk adult with IDD has been mistreated or is at imminent risk of mistreatment by reason of actual knowledge of facts or circumstances indicating the mistreatment.

Connecticut

- 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;
- Optometrist;
- 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, and any person licensed or certified as an emergency medical services.

Reports must be made within 72 hours after such suspicion or belief arose.

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<td>District of Columbia</td>
<td>Conservators; Court-appointed mental retardation advocates; Guardians; Health-care administrators; Licensed health professionals; Police officers; Humane officers of any agency charged with the enforcement of animal cruelty laws; Bank managers; Financial managers; and Social workers.</td>
<td>Reports shall be made immediately and may be written or oral.</td>
<td>D.C. Code §§ 7-1901, 7-1903, 7-1912.</td>
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<td>Florida</td>
<td>Any person, including, but not limited to, any: Physician, osteopathic physician, medical examiner, chiropractic physician, nurse, paramedic, emergency medical technician, or hospital personnel engaged in the admission, examination, care, or treatment of vulnerable adults; Health professional or mental health professional; Practitioner who relies solely on spiritual means for healing; Nursing home staff, assisted living facility staff, adult day care center staff, adult family-care home staff, social worker, or other professional adult care, residential, or institutional staff; State, county, or municipal criminal justice employee or law enforcement officer; An employee of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation conducting inspections of public lodging establishments; A Florida advocacy council or Disability Rights Florida member or a representative of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program; or</td>
<td>Reports must be made immediately.</td>
<td>Adult Protective Services Act, Fla. Stat. §§ 415.102, 415.1034 and 415.111.</td>
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<td>Georgia</td>
<td>The report may be made by oral or written communication. The statute does not provide a timeframe in which reports must be made.</td>
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<td>For Long-Term Care Facilities:</td>
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<td>- Report shall be made immediately by telephone or in person to the department.</td>
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<td>- If an immediate report to the department is not possible, the report shall be made to the appropriate law enforcement agency or prosecuting attorney.</td>
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<td>- A written report shall be made to the department within 24 hours after the initial report.</td>
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assets that the employee is holding or managing in a fiduciary capacity).

**For Long-Term Care Facilities:**

- Same as above, as well as administrators, managers, or other employees of hospitals or long-term care facilities.
- Any other person who has knowledge that a resident or former resident has been abused or exploited while residing in a long-term care facility may report or cause a report to be made.

**Guam**

- Any person who, in the course of his or her employment, occupation or professional practice, comes into contact with elderly or disabled adults, including but are 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 citizen centers and adult day care facilities,
  - police officers,
  - probation officers,
  - employees of homemaker and home health service agencies,
  - emergency medical service (EMS) providers,
  - non-emergency medical transport providers,
  - medical and allied health care providers,
  - banking or financial institution personnel,
  - pension providers, and
  - practicum students in the field of health and human services.

**When is a report required?**

- Actual knowledge or reasonable cause to believe that an elderly or disabled adult is suffering from or has died as a result of abuse.

**Where does it go?**

Bureau of Adult Protective Services (671) 735-7382. 671-632-8853 (weekends, holidays and after government hours)

10 G.C.A. §21002, 21003, 21004, 21005.
Any of the following persons, in the performance of their professional or official duties:

- 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.

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

- Oral report is to be made promptly. Written report should follow oral report as soon as possible.
- Suspected financial abuse shall be reported immediately or as soon as practicably possible.

HRS §§ 346-222, 346-224, 346-250, 412:3-114.5.
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;
- Ombudsmen for the elderly;
- 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 4 hours to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Illinois
- Any of the following persons, while engaged in carrying out their professional duties:
  • 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

- Report must be made within 24 hours after developing the belief that an eligible adult has been subjected to abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation.


320 ILCS §§ 20/2, 20/4, 20.4.1, 20/4.2.
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
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| Indiana | • Any person who believes or has reason to believe that another individual is an endangered adult.  
• 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.  
• Reports must be made immediately.  
Ind. Code Ann. §§ 12-10-3-2, 12-10-3-6, 12-10-3-9, 12-10-3-10, 12-10-3-11, 12-10-3-12; 23-19-4.1-1, 23-19-4.1-2.1, 23-19-4.1-5, 23-19-4.1-6, 23-19-4.1-8 |
| 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.  
• Must report immediately.  
Iowa Code §§ 235B.2, 235B.3. |
| Kansas | • Residents: 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 psychotherapist;  
  • The chief administrative officer of a medical care facility;  
  • An adult care home administrator or operator;  
  • A licensed social worker; and  
  • A licensed professional nurse;  
• Report must be made immediately upon receipt of the information.  
• Kansas Attorney General Opinion No. 2002-5. |
• A licensed practical nurse;
• A licensed marriage and family therapist;
• A licensed clinical marriage and family therapist;
• Licensed professional counselor;
• Licensed clinical professional counselor;
• Registered alcohol and drug abuse counselor;
• A teacher;
• A bank trust officer or any other officers of financial institutions;
• A legal representative; or
• A governmental assistance provider.

• **Adults:** 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 psychotherapist;
  • The chief administrative officer of a medical care facility;
  • A teacher;
  • A licensed social worker;
  • A licensed professional nurse;
  • A licensed practical nurse;
  • A licensed dentist;
  • A licensed marriage and family therapist;
  • A licensed clinical marriage and family therapist;
  • Licensed professional counselor;
  • Licensed clinical professional counselor;
  • Registered alcohol and drug abuse counselor;
  • Teacher;
  • A bank trust officer or any other officers of financial institutions;
  • A legal representative;
  • A governmental assistance provider;
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<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>Louisiana</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>Maine</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 assistive personnel; - 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</td>
<td>Must make oral report 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.</td>
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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;  
- Any person who has assumed full, intermittent, or occasional responsibility for the care and custody 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 employee 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 not required to report when all of the following are met:  
- 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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<td><strong>Vulnerable adult:</strong></td>
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<td>police officer, or</td>
<td>medical intern, dentist, nurse;</td>
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<td>human service worker</td>
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<td>who contacts, examines,</td>
<td>• probation officer;</td>
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<td>attends, or treats an</td>
<td>• social worker;</td>
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<td><strong>Developmental Disabled:</strong></td>
<td>licensed psychologist;</td>
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<td>Any person.</td>
<td>• coroner;</td>
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<td>**Mentally Ill Resident</td>
<td>• registered physical or occupational therapist;</td>
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<td>in Facility:**</td>
<td>• osteopath;</td>
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<td>Any person.</td>
<td>• podiatrist;</td>
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<td>**Resident of Related</td>
<td>• director of or outreach worker employed by a council on aging;</td>
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<td>Institution:**</td>
<td>• executive director of a licensed home health agency; or</td>
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<td>Any person.</td>
<td>• executive director of a homemaker service agency or manager of an assisted living residence.</td>
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<td><strong>Developmental Disabled:</strong></td>
<td>Reporters must make a verbal report immediately followed within 48 hours by a written report to the Department of Elder Affairs.</td>
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<td><strong>Disabled:</strong> Reporters must make an oral report immediately followed within 48 hours by a written report to the DPCC.</td>
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- 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, educational administrator, guidance or family counselor, day care worker;
- Probation 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);
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- 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.

Mississippi

- Any person, including 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

- 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 shall be followed up by a written report.

• **Group A (eligible adult)** – Any person.
• **Group B (elderly)** – 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.
• **Group C (elderly 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 an eligible adult.

Those persons listed above who must report reasonable cause to believe that a resident of a facility, a physically disabled person eligible to receive personal assistance services, a person 60 years of age or older in their care, or a person in the custody, care, or control of the Department of Mental Health, has been abused or neglected must make their report immediately. There is no timeframe listed for others reporting.

• Reports may be made orally or in writing.

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.

**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; or social worker.

**Group E (personal care assistance services consumer)** – 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; vendor (i.e., any organization having a written agreement with the department to provide services including monitoring and oversight of the personal care attendant, orientation, and training of the consumer, and fiscal conduit services necessary for delivery of personal care assistance services to consumers); personal care attendant; or social worker.

**Group F (vulnerable person)** – Any person.

**Group G (vulnerable person)** – Any physician, physician assistant, dentist, chiropractor, optometrist, podiatrist, intern, resident, nurse, nurse practitioner, medical examiner, social worker, licensed professional counselor, certified substance abuse counselor, psychologist, physical therapist, pharmacist, other health practitioner, minister, Christian Science practitioner, facility administrator, nurse’s aide or orderly or any other direct-care staff in a residential facility, day
program or group home, specialized service operated, funded or licensed by the department or in a mental health facility or mental health program in which people may be admitted on a voluntary basis or are civilly detained pursuant to chapter 632; or employee of the departments of social services, mental health, or health and senior services; or 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; mental health professional; peace officer; probation or parole officer; or other non-familial person with responsibility for the care of a vulnerable person.

### Montana

- Any of the following persons, as a result of information they receive in their professional capacity:
  - 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, denturist, 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, or 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;
  - Timing not specified in statute.
  - Reports can be made orally, by telephone or in person, or in writing.

- 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, nursing assistant or other medical, developmental disability, or mental health professional;
- 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 is not specified, except that if requested by the department, a telephone report must be followed by a written report within 48 hours.

For older and vulnerable persons:

- Every physician, dentist, dental hygienist, chiropractor, optometrist, podiatric physician, medical examiner, resident, intern, professional or practical nurse, licensed physician assistant, perfusionist, psychiatrist, psychologist, marriage and family therapist, clinical professional counselor, clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor, alcohol and drug abuse counselor, music therapist, athletic trainer, driver of an ambulance, paramedic, licensed dietician, or other person providing medical services licensed or certified to practice in Nevada, who examines, attends or treats an older person or vulnerable person who appears to have been abused, neglected, exploited, isolated or abandoned;

- Any personnel 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 institution upon notification of the suspected abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of an older person or vulnerable person by a member of the staff of the hospital;

- A coroner;

- Every person who maintains or is employed by an agency to provide nursing in the home;

- Any employee of the Department of Health and Human Services;

- Any employee of a law enforcement agency or a

Reports must be made as soon as reasonably practicable, but no later than 24 hours. A person acts “as soon as reasonably practicable” if, in light of all the surrounding facts and circumstances which are known or which reasonably should be known to the person at the time, a reasonable person would act within approximately the same period under those facts and circumstances.

Reports are to be made by telephone or other means of oral, written or electronic communications that would be reliable and swift under the circumstances.

• Any person who maintains or is employed by a facility or establishment that provides care for older persons or vulnerable persons;
• Any person who maintains, is employed by or serves as a volunteer for an agency or service which advises persons regarding the abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of an older person or vulnerable person and refers them to persons and agencies where their requests and needs can be met;
• Every social worker; and
• Any person who owns or is employed by a funeral home or mortuary;

• Additionally, for older persons only:
  • Every person who maintains or is employed by an agency to provide personal care services in the home;
  • Every person who operates, who is employed by or who contracts to provide services for an intermediary service organization (including an organization that provides services relating to background checks, payroll and other services related to employment of personal assistants and financial services);
  • Every person who operates or is employed by a peer support recovery organization; and
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| New Jersey       | For an Institutionalized Elderly Person: Any of the following, as a result of information obtained in the course of his or her employment:  
  - Caretaker;  
  - Social worker;  
  - Physician;  
  - Registered or licensed practical nurse or other professional;  
  - Staff member employed at a facility; and  
  - Any representative of a managed care entity  
For a Resident of a Residential Health Care Facility, Rooming House or Boarding House: Any person.  
For a Vulnerable Adult, any of the following:  
  - Health care professional;  
  - Law enforcement officer;  
  - Firefighter; and  
  - Paramedic or emergency medical technician.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Reports for a Resident of a Residential Health Care Facility or for a Vulnerable Adult must be made in a timely manner. For an Institutionalized Elderly Person: If a person with a duty to report has a suspicion or belief that the abuse or exploitation will:  
  - Result in serious bodily injury, the individual shall report the suspicion or belief within 2 hours.  
  - Not result in serious bodily injury, the individual shall report the suspicion or belief within 24 hours.  
| New Mexico       | Resident Abuse and Neglect Act: Any person paid in whole or part for providing to a resident any treatment, care, good, service or medication. This includes family members providing in-home care.  
Adult Protective Services: Any person, including financial institutions.                                                                                             | Report must be made immediately. Report can be made orally or in writing.                                                                                       | N.M. Stat. §§ 27-7-16, 27-7-30 (Adult Protective Services); 30-47-3, 30-47-9(B), 31-19-1(A) (Resident Abuse and Neglect). |
New York

- Required to report:
  - Operators and employees of a residential health care facility;
  - Persons (or employees of any corporation, partnership, organization or other entity) under contract to provide patient care services in a residential health care facility;
  - Nursing home administrators;
  - Physicians;
  - Registered physician assistants;
  - Surgeons;
  - Medical examiners;
  - Coroners;
  - Physician’s associates;
  - Specialist’s assistants;
  - Dentists;
  - Dental hygienists;
  - Osteopaths;
  - Optometrists;
  - Pharmacists;
  - Chiropractors;
  - Podiatrists;
  - Residents;
  - Interns;
  - Psychologists;
  - Licensed master social workers;
  - Licensed clinical social workers;
  - Registered nurses;
  - Licensed practical nurses;
  - Nurse practitioners;
  - 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 analysts;
  - Licensed speech/language pathologist or audiologists;
  - Licensed physical therapists;

- Must immediately report by telephone, followed by a written report within 48 hours.

- N.Y. Pub. Health Law §§ 12, 2801, 2803-d; and
- For information regarding vulnerable adults in New York generally, please see N.Y. Social Services Law §§ 473, 488, 489, 491, 492, 550.
- Licensed occupational therapists;
- 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 teachers, school guidance counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, school nurses, school administrators or other school personnel required to hold a teaching or administrative license or certificate;
- Social services workers;
- Any other child care or foster care workers;
- Mental health professionals;
- 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 a district attorney; or
- Other law enforcement officials.

Anyone may report physical abuse, mistreatment or neglect if suspected.

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| North Dakota   | - When acting in his or her official or professional capacity, every medical or mental health professional or personnel, including:
  - Physician;
  - Nurse;
  - Medical examiner;
  - Coroner;
| Report can be oral or written. Timing requirements not specified in statute. | N.D. Cent. Code §§ 12.1-32-01, 25-01.2-01, 25-01.3-01, 25-01.3-04, 25-01.3-12, 50-25.2-01, 50-25.2-03, 50-25.2-10. |
• Dentist;
• Dental hygienist;
• Optometrist;
• Pharmacist;
• Chiropractor;
• Podiatrist;
• Physical therapist;
• Occupational therapist;
• Addiction counselor;
• Counselor;
• Marriage and family therapist;
• Social worker;
• Mental health professional;
• Emergency medical services personnel;
• Hospital personnel;
• Nursing home personnel;
• Congregate care personnel; and
• Any other person providing medical and mental health services to a vulnerable adult.

• And any:
  • Law enforcement officer;
  • Firefighter; or
  • 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).

• And in addition, for any adult with developmental disabilities or mental illness, any of the following having knowledge of or reasonable cause to suspect that an adult with developmental disabilities or mental illness coming before the individual providing services in that individual’s official or professional capacity is abused, neglected, or exploited:
  • Every medical, mental health, or developmental disabilities professional;
  • Educational professional;
  • Police or law enforcement officer; or
  • Caretaker.

“Educational professional” means a professional providing educational services either at a school, academy, or other educational facility, or at
a private facility or residence, as a teacher, professor, tutor, aide, administrator, or other education professional.

“Medical, mental health, or developmental disabilities professional” means a professional providing health care or services to persons with developmental disabilities or mental illnesses, on a full-time or part-time basis, on an individual basis or at the request of a caretaker, and includes a physician, medical examiner, coroner, dentist, optometrist, chiropractor, nurse, physical therapist, mental health professional, hospital personnel, nursing home personnel, congregate care personnel, social worker, or any other person providing medical, mental health, or developmental disabilities services.

“Caregiver” means any person who has assumed the legal responsibility or a contractual obligation for the care of a vulnerable adult or has voluntarily assumed responsibility for the care of a vulnerable adult. The term includes a facility operated by any public or private agency, organization, or institution which provides services to, and has assumed responsibility for the care of, a vulnerable adult.

“Caretaker” means a person, organization, association, or facility who has assumed legal responsibility or a contractual obligation for the care of a person with developmental disabilities or mental illness, or a parent, spouse, sibling, other relative, or person who has voluntarily assumed responsibility for the person’s care.

“Report” means a verbal or written communication, including an anonymous communication, alleging the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a person with
developmental disabilities or mental illness.

- **"Abuse"** means any willful act or omission of a caregiver or any other person which results in physical injury, mental anguish, unreasonable confinement, sexual abuse or exploitation, or financial exploitation to or of a vulnerable adult.
- **"Adult"** includes a minor emancipated by marriage.

### Ohio

**Elderly:** (Note: The following provisions take effect on September 29, 2018.)

Any:

- Attorney admitted to the practice of law in Ohio;
- Individual authorized to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery;
- Chiropractor;
- Dentist;
- Registered nurse or licensed practical nurse;
- Psychologist;
- Social worker;
- Independent social worker;
- Professional counselor;
- Professional clinical counselor;
- Marriage and family therapist;
- Independent marriage and family therapist;
- Pharmacist;
- Dialysis technician;
- Employee of a home health agency;
- Employee of an outpatient health facility;
- Employee of a hospital or 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

**Elderly:** (Note: The following provisions take effect on September 29, 2018.)

- Abuse must be reported immediately.
- The written or oral report is confidential and is not a public record.
- Information contained in the report shall upon request be made available to the adult who is the subject of the report and to legal counsel for the adult.
- If it determines that there is a risk of harm to a person who makes a report under this section or to the adult who is the subject of the report, the county department of job and family services may redact the name and identifying information related to the person who made the report.
- The county department of

### Disabled:


### Elderly:

- Ohio Rev. Code Ann. §§ 5123.01, 5123.61, 5123.50, 5123:2-1-02.
department operated by the board of health of a city or general health district or the authority having the duties of a board of health;
• Employee of a community mental health agency;
• Agent of a county humane society;
• Individual who is a firefighter for a lawfully constituted fire department;
• Individual who is an ambulance driver for an emergency medical service organization;
• First responder, emergency medical technician-basic, emergency medical technician-intermediate, or 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 or registered as a public accountant;
• 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 this state, another state, or the United States;
• Investment adviser;
• Financial planner accredited by a national accreditation agency; or
• Other individual who is a senior service provider.

• Disabled: (Note: The following provisions take effect on September 29, 2018.)

Any:

• Physician, including a hospital intern or resident;

job and family services shall be available to receive the written or oral report provided for in this section twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week.

• Disabled: (Note: The following provisions take effect on September 29, 2018.)

Abuse must be reported immediately.

Reports must be made forthwith by telephone or in person and must be followed by a written report.

• The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities shall establish a registry office for the purpose of maintaining reports of abuse, neglect, and other major unusual incidents made to the department and reports received from county boards of developmental disabilities. The department shall establish committees to review reports of abuse, neglect, and other major unusual incidents.
• 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
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, while acting in an official or 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, renders spiritual treatment through prayer in accordance with the tenets of an organized religion.
• 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 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 suffered or faces a substantial risk of suffering any wound, injury, disability, or condition of a nature that reasonably indicates abuse.
| Oklahoma | Any person. Persons required to make reports pursuant to this Section shall include, but not be limited to:  
  - Physicians;  
  - Operators 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 persons with mental retardation, 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 developmental disabilities;  
  - Job coaches;  
  - Community service workers;  
  - Personal care assistants; and  
  - Municipal employees. | 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, who shall immediately act to rectify the problem and shall make a report of the incident and its correction to the Department of Health. The following serious incidents must be reported 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 2 hours); situations | 43A Okla. Stat. Ann. §§ 10-103, 10-104; 63 Okla. Stat. Ann. §§ 1-1902, 1-1939. |
arising where 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 within 5 working days after the incident or situation.

| Oregon | Elderly: Any “public or private official,” which means:  
- Physician;  
- Naturopathic physician;  
- Chiropractor;  
- Physician assistant (including any intern or resident);  
- Licensed practical nurse;  
- 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 or community developmental disabilities program;  
- Employee of the Oregon Health Authority, county health department or community mental health program;  
- Peace officer;  
- Member of the clergy;  
- Regulated social worker;  
- Physical, speech, or occupational therapist;  
- Senior center employee;  
- Information and referral or outreach worker;  
- Licensed professional counselor or licensed marriage and family therapist;  
- Member of the Legislative Assembly;  
- Firefighter or emergency personnel. | Elderly: Oral 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. A psychiatrist or psychologist or member of the clergy is not required to report information communicated by a person if the communication is privileged.  

| Disabled: Oral report 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. | Elderly: Or. Rev. Stat. §§ 124.050, 124.060, 124.065, 124.070, 124.075, 124.085, 124.095, 167.002.  

medical technician;

- Psychologist (see exception in section “What timing and procedural requirements apply to reports” below);
- Provider of adult foster care or an employee of the provider;
- Audiologist;
- Speech-language pathologist;
- Attorney;
- Dentist; or
- Optometrist.

### Disabled

Any “public or private official,” which means any:

- Physician;
- Naturopathic physician;
- Psychologist;
- Chiropractor;
- Licensed practical nurse;
- Registered nurse;
- Nurse’s aide;
- Home health aide;
- Employee of an in-home health service;
- Employee of the Department of Human Services or Oregon Health Authority, county health department, community mental health program or community developmental disabilities 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;
- Public official who comes in contact with adults in the performance of the official’s duties; or
- Firefighter or emergency
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<td>Pennsylvania</td>
<td>Any person. An employee of: A domiciliary care home; A home health care agency; A long-term care nursing facility; An older adult daily living center; and A personal care home. The term “employee” includes contract employees who have direct contact with residents or unsupervised 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.</td>
<td>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. An employee shall notify the administrator immediately following the report to the agency. Written reports must follow within 48 hours of making the oral report. The employee may request the administrator to make or to assist the employee to make the oral and written reports required.</td>
<td>35 P.S. §§ 10225.103, 10225.302, 10225.701, 10225.705, 10225.706, 10225.707.</td>
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<td>Puerto Rico</td>
<td>Any person, including: Professionals or public officials, public or private and privatized entities that in their professional capacity and in the discharge of their functions learn or suspect 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 during a 24-hour day or part</td>
<td>Not specified.</td>
<td>8 L.P.R.A. §§ 342; 346j; 346k.</td>
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<td>Rhode Island</td>
<td>Elder: Any person. Disabled: Any physician, medical intern, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, nurse’s aide, orderly, certified nursing assistant, medical examiner, dentist, optometrist, optician, chiropractor, podiatrist, coroner, police officer, emergency medical technician, fire-fighter, speech pathologist, audiologist, social worker, pharmacist, physical or occupational therapist, health officer, or any person who acquired the requisite knowledge or reasonable cause to believe within the scope of their employment at a facility or in their professional capacity. Any other person may make a report if that person has reasonable cause to believe that a patient or resident of a facility has been abused, mistreated, or neglected. Developmentally Disabled (in a Program): Any person who within scope of their employment at a program (as defined below) or in their professional capacity has knowledge of or reasonable cause to believe that a participant in a program has been abused, mistreated or neglected. Any other person may make a report if that person has reasonable cause to believe that a participant has been abused, mistreated, or neglected.</td>
<td>Elder: Immediate report. Disabled: Report must be made within 24 hours or by the end of the next business day. Telephone reports must be followed up by a written report within 3 business days. Developmentally Disabled (in a Program): Written report must be made within 24 hours or by the end of the next business day.</td>
<td>Elders: R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 42-66-4.1, 42-66-8, 42-66-8.2, 42-66-10, 42-66-11. Disabled: R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 23-17.8-1, 23-17.8-2, 23-17.8-3, 23-17.8-4. Developmentally Disabled (in a Program): R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 40.1-27-1, 40.1-27-2, 40.1-27-4, 40.1-27-5, 40.1-27-6.</td>
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<td>South Carolina</td>
<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</td>
<td>A person required to report under this section must report the incident within twenty-four hours or the next working day.</td>
<td>S.C. Code Ann. §§ 43-35-10, 43-35-13, 43-35-15, 43-35-25, 43-35-30, 43-35-35, 43-35-50, 43-35-75, 43-35-85.</td>
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<td>South Dakota</td>
<td>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>Within 24 hours.</td>
<td>S.D.C.L. §§ 22-6-2, 22-46-1, 22-46-1.1, 22-46-7, 22-46-8, 22-46-9, 22-46-10, 22-46-12, 34-12-51.</td>
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<td>Tennessee</td>
<td>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; Psychologist, licensed mental health professional, or counselor engaged in professional counseling; 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 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>Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 40-35-111, 71-6-102, 71-6-103, 71-6-105, 71-6-110, 71-6-122, 71-6-123.</td>
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<td>Texas</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 are to be made immediately and can be made orally or in writing.</td>
<td>Tex. Hum. Res. Code §§ 48.002, 48.051, 48.052, 48.053, 48.054; Tex. Health and Safety Code § 260A.002; Tex. Penal Code §§ 12.21, 12.35.</td>
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<td>● Employees, contractors and grantees of the Vermont Agency of Human Services who are involved in caregiving;</td>
<td>U.C.A. §§ 62A-3-301, 62A-3-304, 62A-3-305, 76-3-201, 76-3-204, 76-3-301, 76-5-111, 76-5-111.1, 76-5b-202.</td>
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<td>● Physicians, osteopaths, chiropractors, physician’s assistants, nurses, medical examiners, licensed nursing assistants, emergency medical services personnel, dentists, or psychologists;</td>
<td>12 V.S.A. §1614; 33 V.S.A. §§ 6902, 6903, 6904, 6908, 6909, 6913.</td>
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<td>● 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;</td>
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<td>● 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;</td>
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<td>● Hospital, nursing home, residential care home, home health agency or any entity providing nursing or nursing 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>
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<td>Vermont</td>
<td>Employees, contractors and grantees of the Vermont Agency of Human Services who are involved in caregiving;</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. The address for the written report should be requested when providing the oral report.</td>
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<td>Physician, osteopath, chiropractor, physician’s assistant, nurse, medical examiner, licensed nursing assistant, emergency medical services personnel, dentist, or psychologist;</td>
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| Virgin Islands | • Any person who has assumed full or intermittent responsibility for care or custody of an elder or dependent adult, whether or not that person receives 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 custodian, health practitioner, clergy member, or employee of the Department Human Services or a local law enforcement agency and are required by law to report abuse or neglect of an elder or dependent adult.  
• 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.  
• If the conduct involves criminal activity, a mandated reporter or any person shall report it immediately to the appropriate law enforcement agency. 34 V.I.C. § 452, 453, 454, 457, 458. |
| Virginia | • Any of the following persons acting in their professional capacity:  
  • Any person licensed, certified, or registered by health regulatory boards, with the exception of persons licensed by the Board of Veterinary Medicine;  
  • Any mental health services provider;  
  • 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);  
  • Any guardian or conservator of an adult;  
  • Any person employed by or contracted with a public or private agency or facility and working with adults in an administrative, 
• 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. Va. Code Ann. §§ 18.2-11, 63.2-100, 63.2-1603, 63.2-1606. |
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<td>• An employee of the Washington Department of Social and Health Services; • Law enforcement officer; • Social worker; • Professional school personnel; • Individual provider; • 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); • An employee of a social service, welfare, mental health, adult day health, adult day care, home health, home care or hospice agency; • County coroner or medical examiner; • Christian Science practitioner; and • Healthcare provider subject to 18.130 RCW “Regulation of Health Professions – Uniform Disciplinary Act”.</td>
<td>• Any medical, dental or mental health professional; • Christian Science practitioner or religious healer; • Social service worker; • Law enforcement official; • Humane officer; • State or regional ombudsman; and • Any employee of any nursing home or other residential facility.</td>
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<td>Initial report to be made immediately either orally or in writing.</td>
<td>Reports shall be made immediately by telephone to the Department of Health and Human Resources’ local adult protective services agency and shall be followed by a written report by the complainant or the receiving agency.</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 <em>in the course of the person’s professional duties</em>:</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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<td>• a cooperative health care association (organized under statute 185.981) that directly provides services through salaried employees in its own facility; and</td>
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