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## Mandatory Reporters of Child Abuse and Neglect: Summary of State Laws

All States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the U.S. territories of American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands have statutes identifying persons who are required to report child maltreatment under specific circumstances.

### Professionals Required to Report

Approximately 48 States, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands

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designate professions whose members are mandated by law to report child maltreatment.<sup>1</sup> Individuals designated as mandatory reporters typically have frequent contact with children. Such individuals may include:

- Social workers
- Teachers and other school personnel
- Physicians and other health-care workers
- Mental health professionals
- Childcare providers
- Medical examiners or coroners
- Law enforcement officers

Some other professions frequently mandated across the States include commercial film or photograph processors (in 11 States, Guam, and Puerto Rico), substance abuse counselors (in 13 States), and probation or parole officers (in 15 States).<sup>2</sup> Six States (Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Illinois, and South Dakota) include domestic violence workers on the list of mandated reporters. Court-appointed special advocates are mandatory reporters in seven States (Arkansas, California, Maine, Montana, Oregon, Virginia, and Wisconsin). Members of the clergy now are required to report in 26 States.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The word *approximately* is used to stress the fact that the States frequently amend their laws. This information is current only through January 2008. At that time, New Jersey and Wyoming were the only two States that did not enumerate specific professional groups as mandated reporters but required all persons to report.

<sup>2</sup> Film processors are mandated reporters in Alaska, California, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Missouri, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Guam, and Puerto Rico. Substance abuse counselors are required to report in Alaska, Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Nevada, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Probation or parole officers are mandated reporters in Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Illinois, Massachusetts, Missouri, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington.

<sup>3</sup> Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. For more information, see Child Welfare Information Gateway's *Clergy as Mandatory Reporters of Child Abuse and Neglect* at [www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws\\_policies/statutes/clergymandated.cfm](http://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws_policies/statutes/clergymandated.cfm).

## Reporting by Other Persons

In approximately 18 States and Puerto Rico, any person who suspects child abuse or neglect is required to report. Of these 18 States, 16 States and Puerto Rico specify certain professionals who must report but also require all persons to report suspected abuse or neglect, regardless of profession.<sup>4</sup> New Jersey and Wyoming require all persons to report without specifying any professions. In all other States, territories, and the District of Columbia, any person is permitted to report. These voluntary reporters of abuse are often referred to as “permissive reporters.”

## Standards for Making a Report

The circumstances under which a mandatory reporter must make a report vary from State to State. Typically, a report must be made when the reporter, in his or her official capacity, *suspects* or *has reasons to believe* that a child has been abused or neglected. Another standard frequently used is when the reporter has knowledge of, or observes a child being subjected to, conditions that would reasonably result in harm to the child. Permissive reporters follow the same standards when electing to make a report.

## Privileged Communications

Mandatory reporting statutes also may specify when a communication is privileged. “Privileged communications” is the statutory recognition of the right to maintain confidential communications between professionals and their clients, patients, or congregants. To enable States to provide protection to maltreated children, the reporting laws in most States and territories restrict this privilege for mandated reporters. All but four States and Puerto Rico currently address the issue of privileged communications within their reporting laws, either affirming the privilege or denying it (i.e., not allowing privilege to be grounds for failing to report).<sup>5</sup> For instance:

<sup>4</sup> Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, and Utah.

<sup>5</sup> Connecticut, Mississippi, New Jersey, and New York do not currently address the issue of privileged communications within their reporting laws. The issue of privilege may be addressed elsewhere in the statutes of these States, such as rules of evidence.

- The physician-patient and husband-wife privileges are the most common to be denied by States.
- The attorney-client privilege is most commonly affirmed.
- The clergy-penitent privilege is also widely affirmed, although that privilege is usually limited to confessional communications and, in some States, is denied altogether.<sup>6</sup>

## Inclusion of the Reporter's Name in the Report

Most States maintain toll-free telephone numbers for receiving reports of abuse or neglect.<sup>7</sup> Reports may be made anonymously to most of these reporting numbers, but States find it helpful to their investigations to know the identity of reporters. Approximately 16 States, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, and the Virgin Islands currently require mandatory reporters to provide their names and contact information, either at the time of the initial oral report or as part of a written report.<sup>8</sup> The laws in Connecticut, Delaware, and Washington allow child protection workers to request the name of the reporter. In Wyoming, the reporter does not have to provide his or her identity as part of the written report, but if the person takes and submits photographs or x-rays of the child, his or her name must be provided.

## Disclosure of the Reporter's Identity

All jurisdictions have provisions in statute to maintain the confidentiality of abuse and neglect records. The identity of the reporter is specifically protected from disclosure to the alleged perpetrator in 39 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico,

<sup>6</sup> New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Texas, and West Virginia disallow the use of the clergy-penitent privilege as grounds for failing to report suspected child abuse or neglect. For a more complete discussion of the requirement for clergy to report child abuse and neglect, see the Information Gateway publication *Clergy as Mandatory Reporters of Child Abuse and Neglect*.

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<sup>7</sup> For State-specific information about these hotlines, see the Information Gateway's *Child Abuse Reporting Numbers*:

[www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/reslist/rl\\_dsp.cfm?rs\\_id=5&rate\\_chno=11-11172](http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/reslist/rl_dsp.cfm?rs_id=5&rate_chno=11-11172).

<sup>8</sup> California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Vermont have this requirement.

American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands.<sup>9</sup> This protection is maintained even when other information from the report may be disclosed.

Release of the reporter's identity is allowed in some jurisdictions under specific circumstances or to specific departments or officials. For example, disclosure of the reporter's identity can be ordered by the court when there is a compelling reason to disclose (in California, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, and Guam) or upon a finding that the reporter knowingly made a false report (in Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, South Dakota, and Vermont). In some jurisdictions (California, Florida, Minnesota, Tennessee, Vermont, the District of Columbia, and Guam), the reporter can waive confidentiality and give consent to the release of his or her name.

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<sup>9</sup> The statutes in Alaska, Arizona, Delaware, Idaho, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Virginia, West Virginia, Wyoming, and the Virgin Islands do not specifically protect reporter identity but do provide for confidentiality of records in general.

**Alabama****Professionals Required to Report****Ala. Code § 26-14-3**

The following persons are required to report:

- Doctors, medical examiners, dentists, nurses, or pharmacists
- School teachers or officials
- Law enforcement officials
- Daycare workers or social workers
- Members of the clergy
- Any other person called upon to render aid or medical assistance to a child

**Reporting by Other Persons****Ala. Code § 26-14-4**

Any other person who has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is being abused or neglected may report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Ala. Code § 26-14-3**

A report must be made when the child is known or suspected of being a victim of abuse or neglect.

**Privileged Communications****Ala. Code §§ 26-14-3; 26-14-10**

Only the clergy-penitent and attorney-client privileges are permitted.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report**

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Ala. Code § 26-14-8**

The department will not release the identity of the reporter except under court order when the court has determined that the reporter knowingly made a false report.

**Alaska****Professionals Required to Report****Alaska Stat. §§ 47.17.020; 47.17.023**

The following persons are required to report:

- Health practitioners or administrative officers of institutions
- School teachers and administrators or child care providers
- Paid employees of domestic violence and sexual assault programs, crisis intervention and prevention programs, or organizations that provide counseling or treatment to individuals seeking to control their use of drugs or alcohol
- Peace officers or officers of the Department of Corrections
- Persons who process or produce visual or printed matter, either privately or commercially
- Members of a child fatality review team or the multidisciplinary child protection team

**Reporting by Other Persons****Alaska Stat. § 47.17.020**

- Mandated reporters may report cases that come to their attention in their nonoccupational capacities.
- Any other person who has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been harmed may report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Alaska Stat. §§ 47.17.020; 47.17.023**

A report must be made when:

- In the performance of his or her occupational duties, a reporter has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has suffered harm as a result of abuse or neglect.
- A person has reasonable cause to suspect that visual or printed matter depicts a child engaged in the unlawful exploitation of a minor.

**Privileged Communications****Alaska Stat. § 47.17.060**

Neither the physician-patient nor the husband-wife privilege is recognized.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report**

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity**

This issue is not addressed in the statutes reviewed.

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**American Samoa****Professionals Required to Report****Ann. Code § 45.2002**

The following persons are required to report:

- Physicians or surgeons, including physicians in training, osteopaths, optometrists, chiropractors, podiatrists, child health associates, medical examiners or coroners, dentists, nurses, or hospital personnel
- Christian Science practitioners
- School officials or employees
- Social workers or workers in family care homes or child care centers
- Mental health professionals

**Reporting by Other Persons****Ann. Code § 45.2002**

All other persons are urged and authorized to report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Ann. Code § 45.2002**

A report is required when:

- A reporter has reasonable cause to know or suspect that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect.
- A reporter has observed the child being subjected to circumstances or conditions that would result in abuse or neglect.

**Privileged Communications****Ann. Code § 45.2016**

The physician-patient privilege and the husband-wife privilege are not recognized as grounds for excluding evidence.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report****Ann. Code § 45.2010**

The name, address, and occupation of the person making the report must be included in the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Ann. Code § 45.2027**

The identity of the reporter is not released to the subject of the report if such release would be detrimental to the safety or interests of the reporter.

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**Arizona****Professionals Required to Report****Rev. Stat. § 13-3620**

The following persons are required to report:

- Physicians, physician's assistants, optometrists, dentists, behavioral health professionals, nurses, psychologists, counselors or social workers
- Peace officers, members of the clergy, priests, or Christian Science practitioners
- Parents, stepparents, or guardians
- School personnel or domestic violence victim advocates
- Any other person who has responsibility for the care or treatment of minors

**Reporting by Other Persons****Rev. Stat. § 13-3620**

Any other person who reasonably believes that a minor is a victim of abuse or neglect may report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Rev. Stat. § 13-3620**

A report is required when the reporter reasonably believes that a minor is a victim of abuse or neglect.

**Privileged Communications****Rev. Stat. § 13-3620**

Only the attorney-client and the clergy-penitent privileges are recognized.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report**

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity**

This issue is not addressed in the statutes reviewed.



**Arkansas****Professionals Required to Report****Ann. Code § 12-12-507**

The following persons are mandated reporters:

- Physicians, surgeons, osteopaths, resident interns, coroners, dentists, dental hygienists, nurses, or medical personnel
- Teachers, school officials or counselors, daycare center workers
- Child care workers, foster care workers
- Social workers, foster parents, or department employees
- Mental health professionals
- Domestic violence shelter employees or volunteers
- Employees of a child advocacy center
- Law enforcement personnel, peace officers, prosecuting attorneys, domestic abuse advocates, judges
- Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program staff or volunteers
- Juvenile intake or probation officers
- Members of the clergy, including ministers, priests, rabbis, accredited Christian Science practitioners, or other similar functionary of a religious organization

**Reporting by Other Persons****Ann. Code § 12-12-507**

Any other person with reasonable cause to suspect child maltreatment may report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Ann. Code § 12-12-507**

A report is required when:

- A reporter has reasonable cause to suspect child maltreatment.
- A reporter has observed the child being subjected to conditions or circumstances that would reasonably result in child maltreatment.

**Privileged Communications****Ann. Code § 12-12-518**

No privilege is granted except the attorney-client and clergy-penitent (including a Christian Science practitioner) privileges.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report**

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Ann. Code § 12-12-506**

The identity of the reporter shall not be disclosed unless a court determines that the reporter knowingly made a false report.

**California****Professionals Required to Report****Penal Code §§ 11166; 11165.7**

Mandated reporters include any of the following:

- Teachers, teacher's assistants, administrative officers, certificated pupil personnel employees of any public or private school
- Administrators and employees of public or private day camps, youth centers, youth recreation programs, or youth organizations
- Employees of child care institutions, including, but not limited to, foster parents, group home personnel, and personnel of residential care facilities
- Social workers, probation officers, or parole officers
- Any person who is an administrator or a counselor in a child abuse prevention program in any public or private school
- District attorney investigators, peace officers, firefighters, except for volunteer firefighters
- Physicians, surgeons, psychiatrists, psychologists, dentists, licensed nurses, dental hygienists, optometrists, marriage counselors, family and child counselors, clinical social workers
- Emergency medical technicians I or II or paramedics
- State or county public health employees
- Coroners or medical examiners
- Commercial film and photographic print processors
- Child visitation monitors
- Animal control officers or humane society officers
- Clergy members, which includes priests, ministers, rabbis, religious practitioners, or similar functionary of a church, temple, or recognized denomination or organization
- Any custodian of records of a clergy member
- Employees of any police department, county sheriff's department, county probation department, or county welfare department
- Employees or volunteers of Court Appointed Special Advocate programs

**Reporting by Other Persons****Penal Code § 11166**

Any other person who reasonably suspects that a child is a victim of abuse or neglect may report.

For the purposes of this section, "any other person" includes a mandated reporter who acts in his or her private capacity and not in his or her professional capacity or within the scope of his or her employment.

**Standards for Making a Report****Penal Code §§ 11166; 11165.7**

A report is required when:

- A mandated reporter, in his or her professional capacity, or within the scope of his or her employment, has knowledge of or observes a child whom the reporter knows or reasonably suspects is the victim of abuse or neglect.
- Commercial film and photographic print processors have knowledge of or observe any film, photograph, videotape, negative, or slide depicting a child under age 16 engaged in an act of sexual conduct.

**Privileged Communications****Penal Code § 11166**

Only the clergy-penitent privilege is permitted.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report****Penal Code § 11167**

Reports of mandated reporters shall include:

- The name, business address, and telephone number of the mandated reporter
- The capacity that makes the person a mandated reporter

Reports of other persons do not require the reporter's name.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Penal Code § 11167**

The identity of the reporter shall be confidential, and shall be disclosed only:

- To agencies investigating the report
- When the person waives confidentiality
- By court order

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**Colorado****Professionals Required to Report****Rev. Stat. § 19-3-304**

Persons required to report include:

- Physicians, surgeons, physicians in training, child health associates, medical examiners, coroners, dentists, osteopaths, optometrists, chiropractors, podiatrists, nurses, hospital personnel, dental hygienists, physical therapists, pharmacists, registered dieticians
- Public or private school officials or employees
- Social workers, Christian Science practitioners, mental health professionals, psychologists, professional counselors, marriage and family therapists
- Veterinarians, peace officers, firefighters, or victim's advocates
- Commercial film and photographic print processors
- Counselors, marriage and family therapists, or psychotherapists
- Clergy members, including priests, rabbis, duly ordained, commissioned, or licensed ministers of a church, members of religious orders, or recognized leaders of any religious bodies
- Workers in the State Department of Human Services
- Juvenile parole and probation officers
- Child and family investigators
- Officers and agents of the State Bureau of Animal Protection and animal control officers

**Reporting by Other Persons****Rev. Stat. § 19-3-304**

Any other person may report known or suspected child abuse or neglect.

**Standards for Making a Report****Rev. Stat. § 19-3-304**

A report is required when:

- A mandated reporter has reasonable cause to know or suspect child abuse or neglect.
- A reporter has observed a child being subjected to circumstances or conditions that would reasonably result in abuse or neglect.
- Commercial film and photographic print processors have knowledge of or observe any film, photograph, videotape, negative, or slide depicting a child engaged in an act of sexual conduct.

**Privileged Communications****Rev. Stat. §§ 19-3-304; 19-3-311**

- The clergy-penitent privilege is permitted.
- The physician-patient, psychologist-client, and husband-wife privileges are not allowed as grounds for failing to report.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report****Rev. Stat. § 19-3-307**

The report shall include the name, address, and occupation of the person making the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Rev. Stat. § 19-1-307**

The identity of the reporter shall be protected.

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**Connecticut****Professionals Required to Report****Gen. Stat. § 17a-101**

The following persons are required to report:

- Physicians or surgeons, nurses, medical examiners, dentists, dental hygienists, physician assistants, pharmacists, or physical therapists
- Psychologists or other mental health professionals
- School teachers, principals, guidance counselors, or coaches
- Social workers
- Police officers, juvenile or adult probation officers, or parole officers
- Members of the clergy
- Alcohol and drug counselors, marital and family therapists, professional counselors, sexual assault counselors, or battered women's counselors
- Emergency medical services providers
- Any person paid to care for a child in any public or private facility, child daycare center, group daycare home, or family daycare home that is licensed by the State
- Employees of the Department of Children and Families and the Department of Public Health who are responsible for the licensing of child daycare centers, group daycare homes, family daycare homes, or youth camps
- The Child Advocate and any employee of the Office of Child Advocate

**Reporting by Other Persons****Gen. Stat. § 17a-103**

Any mandated reporter acting outside his or her professional capacity, or any other person having reasonable cause to suspect that a child is being abused or neglected, may report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Gen. Stat. § 17a-101a**

A report is required when, in the ordinary course of his or her employment or profession, a reporter has reasonable cause to suspect or believe that a child has been abused or neglected.

**Privileged Communications**

This issue is not addressed in the statutes reviewed.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report****Gen. Stat. §§ 17a-101d; 17a-103**

- The reporter is not specifically required by statute to include his or her name in the report.
- The Commissioner shall use his or her best efforts to obtain the name and address of the reporter.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Gen. Stat. § 17a-28**

The name of an individual reporting child abuse or neglect shall not be disclosed without his or her written consent, except to:

- An employee of the department responsible for child protective services or the abuse registry
- A law enforcement officer
- An appropriate State's attorney
- An appropriate assistant attorney general
- A judge of the Superior Court and all necessary parties in a court proceeding pursuant to § 46b-129 or a criminal prosecution involving child abuse or neglect
- A State child care licensing agency, executive director of any institution, school, or facility, or superintendent of schools

Information identifying an individual who reported abuse or neglect of a person, including any tape recording of an oral report, shall not be released to the subject of the report unless, upon application to the Superior Court by such person and served on the Commissioner of Children and Families, a judge determines, after *in camera* inspection of relevant records and a hearing, that there is reasonable cause to believe the reporter knowingly made a false report or that other interests of justice require such release.

**Delaware****Professionals Required to Report****Ann. Code tit. 16, § 903**

The following persons are required to report:

- Physicians, dentists, interns, residents, osteopaths, nurses, or medical examiners
- School employees
- Social workers or psychologists

**Reporting by Other Persons****Ann. Code tit. 16, § 903**

Any person who knows or in good faith suspects child abuse or neglect shall make a report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Ann. Code tit. 16, § 903**

A report is required when the reporter knows or in good faith suspects child abuse or neglect.

**Privileged Communications****Ann. Code tit. 16, § 909**

Only the attorney-client and clergy-penitent privileges are recognized.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report****Ann. Code tit. 16, § 905**

Although reports may be made anonymously, the division shall request the name and address of any person making a report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity**

This issue is not addressed in the statutes reviewed.

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**District of Columbia****Professionals Required to Report****Ann. Code § 4-1321.02**

Persons required to report include:

- Child and Family Services Agency employees, agents, and contractors
- Physicians, psychologists, medical examiners, dentists, chiropractors, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, or persons involved in the care and treatment of patients
- Law enforcement officers
- School officials, teachers, or athletic coaches
- Department of Parks and Recreation employees, public housing resident managers, social service workers, or daycare workers
- Domestic violence counselors or mental health professionals

**Reporting by Other Persons****Ann. Code § 4-1321.02**

Any other person who knows or has reason to suspect that a child is being abused or neglected may report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Ann. Code § 4-1321.02**

A report is required when:

- A mandated reporter knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child known to him or her in his or her official capacity has been or is in danger of being abused or neglected.
- A licensed health professional or a law enforcement officer, except an undercover officer whose identity or investigation might be jeopardized, has reasonable cause to believe that a child is abused as a result of inadequate care, control, or subsistence in the home environment due to exposure to drug-related activity.
- A mandated reporter knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been, or is in immediate danger of being, the victim of sexual abuse; the child was encouraged, commanded, or permitted to become a prostitute; or the child has an injury caused by a bullet, knife, or other sharp object that has been caused by other than accidental means.

**Privileged Communications****Ann. Code § 4-1321.05**

Neither the husband-wife nor the physician-patient privilege is permitted.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report****Ann. Code § 4-1321.03**

Mandated reporters are required to provide their name, occupation, and contact information.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Ann. Code § 4-1302.03**

The Child Protection Register staff shall not release any information that identifies the source of a report or the witnesses to the incident referred to in a report to the alleged perpetrator of the abuse, the child's parent or guardian, or a child-placing agency investigating a foster or adoptive placement, unless said staff first obtains permission from the source of the report or from the witnesses named in the report.

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**Florida****Professionals Required to Report****Ann. Stat. § 39.201**

The following persons are mandated reporters:

- Physicians, osteopaths, medical examiners, chiropractors, nurses, or hospital personnel
- Other health or mental health professionals
- Practitioners who rely solely on spiritual means for healing
- School teachers or other school officials or personnel
- Social workers, daycare center workers, or other professional child care, foster care, residential, or institutional workers
- Law enforcement officers or judges

**Reporting by Other Persons****Ann. Stat. § 39.201**

Any person who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused, abandoned, or neglected shall report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Ann. Stat. § 39.201**

A report is required when:

- A person knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused, abandoned, or neglected.
- A person knows that a child is in need of supervision and care and has no parent, legal custodian, or responsible adult relative immediately known and available to provide supervision and care.

**Privileged Communications****Ann. Stat. § 39.204**

Only the attorney-client and clergy-penitent privileges are permitted.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report****Ann. Stat. § 39.201**

Professionals who are mandated reporters are required to provide their names to hotline staff.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Ann. Stat. §§ 39.201; 39.202**

The names of reporters shall be entered into the record of the report, but shall be held confidential. The name of the reporter may not be released to any person other than employees of the department responsible for child protective services, the central abuse hotline, law enforcement, the child protection team, or the appropriate State attorney, without the written consent of the person reporting.

This does not prohibit the subpoenaing of a person reporting child abuse, abandonment, or neglect when deemed necessary by the court, the State attorney, or the department, provided the fact that such person made the report is not disclosed.

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**Georgia****Professionals Required to Report****Ann. Code §§ 19-7-5; 16-12-100**

The following persons are required to report:

- Physicians, hospital and medical personnel, podiatrists, dentists, or nurses
- School teachers, administrators, guidance counselors, school social workers, or psychologists
- Psychologists, counselors, social workers, or marriage and family therapists
- Child welfare agency personnel (including any child-caring institution, child-placing agency, maternity home, family daycare home, group daycare home, and daycare center), child-counseling personnel, or child service organization personnel
- Law enforcement personnel
- Persons who process or produce visual or printed matter

**Reporting by Other Persons****Ann. Code § 19-7-5**

Any other person who has reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused may report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Ann. Code §§ 19-7-5; 16-12-100**

A report is required when:

- A reporter has reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused.
- A person who processes or produces visual or printed matter has reasonable cause to believe that the visual or printed matter submitted for processing or producing depicts a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

**Privileged Communications****Ann. Code § 19-7-5**

No privileged communications are permitted for mandatory reporters.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report**

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Ann. Code § 49-5-41**

Any release of records shall protect the identity of any person reporting child abuse.



**Guam****Professionals Required to Report****Ann. Code tit. 19, § 13201**

Persons required to report suspected child abuse include but are not limited to:

- Physicians, medical examiners, dentists, osteopaths, optometrists, chiropractors, nurses, hospital personnel, or Christian Science practitioners
- School administrators, teachers, nurses, or counselors
- Social services workers, daycare center workers or any other child care or foster care workers
- Mental health professionals, peace officers, or law enforcement officials
- Commercial film and photographic print processors

**Reporting by Other Persons****Ann. Code tit. 19, § 13202**

Any person may make a report if that person has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is an abused or neglected child.

**Standards for Making a Report****Ann. Code tit. 19, § 13201**

A report is required when:

- A reporter, who in the course of his or her employment, occupation, or professional practice comes into contact with children, has reason to suspect on the basis of his or her medical, professional, or other training and experience that a child is an abused or neglected child.
- Any commercial film and photographic print processor has knowledge of or observes any film, photograph, videotape, negative, or slide depicting a child under age 18 engaged in an act of sexual conduct.

**Privileged Communications****Ann. Code tit. 19, § 1320**

No person may claim privileged communications as a basis for his or her refusal or failure to report suspected child abuse or neglect or to provide Child Protective Services or the Guam Police Department with required information.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report****Ann. Code tit. 19, § 13203**

Every report should include the name of the person making the report. Persons who are required by law to report shall be required to reveal their names.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Ann. Code tit. 19, § 13203**

The identity of the reporter is confidential and may only be disclosed:

- To the child protective agency and agency counsel, the Attorney General, or a licensing agency when abuse in licensed out-of-home care is reasonably suspected
- When the reporter waives confidentiality
- By court order

**Hawaii****Professionals Required to Report****Rev. Stat. § 350-1.1**

The following persons are required to report:

- Physicians, physicians in training, psychologists, dentists, nurses, osteopathic physicians and surgeons, optometrists, chiropractors, podiatrists, pharmacists, and other health-related professionals
- Medical examiners or coroners
- Employees or officers of any public or private school
- Child care employees or employees or officers of any licensed or registered child care facility, foster home, or similar institution
- Employees or officers of any public or private agency or institution, or other individuals, providing social, medical, hospital, or mental health services, including financial assistance
- Employees or officers of any law enforcement agency, including, but not limited to, the courts, police departments, departments of public safety, correctional institutions, and parole or probation offices
- Employees of any public or private agency providing recreational or sports activities

**Reporting by Other Persons****Rev. Stat. § 350-1.3**

Any other person who becomes aware of facts or circumstances that cause the person to believe that child abuse or neglect has occurred may report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Rev. Stat. § 350-1.1**

A report is required when, in his or her professional or official capacity, a reporter has reason to believe that child abuse or neglect has occurred or that there exists a substantial risk that child abuse or neglect may occur in the reasonably foreseeable future.

**Privileged Communications****Rev. Stat. § 350-5**

The physician-patient, psychologist-client, husband-wife, and the victim-counselor privileges are not grounds for failing to report.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report**

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Rev. Stat. § 350-1.4**

Every reasonable good faith effort shall be made by the department to maintain the confidentiality of the name of a reporter who requests that his or her name be confidential.

**Idaho****Professionals Required to Report****Idaho Code § 16-1605**

The following persons are required to report:

- Physicians, residents on hospital staffs, interns, nurses, or coroners
- School teachers or daycare personnel
- Social workers or law enforcement personnel
- Other persons

**Reporting by Other Persons****Idaho Code § 16-1605**

Any person who has reason to believe that a child has been abused, abandoned, or neglected is required to report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Idaho Code § 16-1605**

A report is required when:

- A person has reason to believe that a child has been abused, abandoned, or neglected.
- A person observes a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances that would reasonably result in abuse, abandonment, or neglect.

**Privileged Communications****Idaho Code §§ 16-1605; 16-1606**

Any privilege between a husband and wife and any professional and client, except for the clergy-penitent or attorney-client privilege, shall not be grounds for failure to report.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report**

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity**

This issue is not addressed in the statutes reviewed.

**Illinois****Professionals Required to Report****Comp. Stat. Ch. 325, § 5/4; Ch. 720, § 5/11-20.2**

The following persons are required to report:

- Physicians, residents, interns, hospital administrators and personnel, surgeons, dentists, dental hygienists, osteopaths, chiropractors, podiatrists, physician assistants, or substance abuse treatment personnel
- Funeral home directors or employees, coroners, or medical examiners
- Emergency medical technicians, acupuncturists, or crisis line or hotline personnel
- School administrators and school employees, educational advocates, or truant officers
- Members of a school board or the Chicago Board of Education
- Members of the governing body of a private school
- Social workers, social services administrators, or domestic violence program personnel
- Nurses, genetic counselors, respiratory care practitioners, advanced practice nurses, home health aides, directors or staff assistants of nursery schools or child care centers, or recreational program or facility personnel
- Law enforcement officers or probation officers
- Licensed professional counselors, psychologists, or psychiatrists
- Field personnel of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, Juvenile Justice, Public Health, Human Services, Corrections, Human Rights, or Children and Family Services
- Supervisors and administrators of general assistance under the Illinois Public Aid Code
- Foster parents, homemakers, or child care workers
- Members of the clergy
- Commercial film and photographic print processors

**Reporting by Other Persons****Comp. Stat. Ch. 325, § 5/4**

Any other person who has reasonable cause to believe that a child is abused or neglected may report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Comp. Stat. Ch. 325, § 5/4; Ch. 720, § 5/11-20.2**

A report is required when:

- A reporter has reasonable cause to believe that a child known to him or her in his or her professional capacity may be abused or neglected.
- Commercial film and photographic print processors have knowledge of or observe any film, photograph, videotape, negative, or slide that depicts a child engaged in any sexual conduct.

**Privileged Communications****Comp. Stat. Ch. 325, § 5/4; Ch. 735, § 5/8-803**

- The privileged quality of communication between any professional person required to report and his or her patient or client shall not apply to situations involving abused or neglected children and shall not constitute grounds for failure to report.
- A member of the clergy shall not be compelled to disclose a confession or admission made to him or her as part of the discipline of the religion.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report****Comp. Stat. Ch. 325, § 5/7.9**

The report shall include the name, occupation, and contact information of the person making the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Comp. Stat. Ch. 325, § 5/11.1a**

Any disclosure of information shall not identify the person making the report.

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**Indiana****Professionals Required to Report****Ann. Code § 31-33-5-2**

Mandatory reporters include any staff member of a medical or other public or private institution, school, facility, or agency.

**Reporting by Other Persons****Ann. Code § 31-33-5-1**

Any person who has reason to believe that a child is a victim of abuse or neglect must report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Ann. Code §§ 31-33-5-1; 31-33-5-2**

A report is required when any person has reason to believe that a child is a victim of abuse or neglect.

**Privileged Communications****Ann. Code § 31-32-11-1**

The following privileges are not permitted, and shall not be grounds for failing to report:

- Husband-wife privilege
- Health care provider-patient privilege
- Therapist-client privilege between a certified social worker, certified clinical social worker, or certified marriage and family therapist and a client of any of these professionals
- Any privilege between a school counselor or psychologist and a student

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report****Ann. Code § 31-33-7-4**

The written report must include the name and contact information for the person making the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Ann. Code § 31-33-18-2**

The report shall be made available to the person about whom a report has been made, with protection for the identity of:

- Any person reporting known or suspected child abuse or neglect
- Any other person if the person or agency making the information available finds that disclosure of the information would be likely to endanger the life or safety of the person

The report may also be made available to each parent, guardian, custodian, or other person responsible for the welfare of a child named in a report, with protection for the identity of reporters and other appropriate individuals.

**Iowa****Professionals Required to Report****Ann. Stat. §§ 232.69; 728.14**

The following persons are required to report:

- Health practitioners
- Social workers or psychologists
- School employees, certified paraeducators, coaches, or instructors employed by community colleges
- Employees or operators of health care facilities, child care centers, Head Start programs, family development and self-sufficiency grant programs, substance abuse programs or facilities, juvenile detention or juvenile shelter care facilities, foster care facilities, or mental health centers
- Employees of Department of Human services institutions
- Peace officers, counselors, or mental health professionals
- Commercial film and photographic print processors

**Reporting by Other Persons****Ann. Stat. § 232.69**

Any other person who believes that a child has been abused may report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Ann. Stat. §§ 232.69; 728.14**

A report is required when:

- A reporter, in the scope of his or her professional practice or employment responsibilities, reasonably believes that a child has been abused.
- A commercial film and photographic print processor has knowledge of or observes a film, photograph, videotape, negative, or slide that depicts a minor engaged in a prohibited sexual act or in the simulation of a prohibited sexual act.

**Privileged Communications****Ann. Stat. § 232.74**

The husband-wife or health practitioner-patient privilege does not apply to evidence regarding abuse to a child.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report****Ann. Stat. § 232.70**

The report shall contain the name and address of the person making the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Ann. Stat. § 232.71B**

The department shall not reveal the identity of the reporter to the subject of the report.

**Kansas****Professionals Required to Report****Ann. Stat. § 38-2223**

*[Effective January 1, 2007]*

The following persons are required to report:

- Persons providing medical care or treatment, including persons licensed to practice the healing arts, dentistry, and optometry; persons engaged in postgraduate training programs approved by the State Board of Healing Arts; licensed professional or practical nurses; and chief administrative officers of medical care facilities
- Persons licensed by the State to provide mental health services, including psychologists, clinical psychotherapists, social workers, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, and registered alcohol and drug abuse counselors
- Teachers, school administrators, or other employees of an educational institution that the child is attending
- Licensed child care providers or their employees at the place where the child care services are being provided to the child
- Firefighters, emergency medical services personnel, law enforcement officers, juvenile intake and assessment workers, court services officers, community corrections officers, case managers, and mediators

**Reporting by Other Persons****Ann. Stat. § 38-2223**

Any person who has reason to suspect that a child may be a child in need of care may report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Ann. Stat. § 38-2223**

A report is required when a reporter has reason to suspect that a child has been harmed as a result of physical, mental, or emotional abuse or neglect or sexual abuse.

**Privileged Communications****Ann. Stat. § 38-2249**

*[Effective March 28, 2007]*

In all proceedings under this code, the rules of evidence of the code of civil procedure shall apply, except that no evidence relating to the condition of a child shall be excluded solely on the ground that the matter is or may be the subject of a physician-patient privilege, psychologist-client privilege, or social worker-client privilege.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report**

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Ann. Stat. § 38-2213**

Information authorized to be disclosed in this subsection shall not contain information that identifies a reporter of a child alleged or adjudicated to be a child in need of care.

**Kentucky****Professionals Required to Report****Rev. Stat. § 620.030**

All persons are required to report, including, but not limited to:

- Physicians, osteopathic physicians, nurses, coroners, medical examiners, residents, interns, chiropractors, dentists, optometrists, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, or health professionals
- Teachers, school personnel, or child-caring personnel
- Social workers or mental health professionals
- Peace officers

**Reporting by Other Persons****Rev. Stat. § 620.030**

Any person who knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a child is dependent, neglected, or abused shall immediately report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Rev. Stat. § 620.030**

A report is required when a person knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a child is dependent, neglected, or abused.

**Privileged Communications****Rev. Stat. § 620.050**

Neither the husband-wife nor any professional-client/patient privilege, except the attorney-client and clergy-penitent privilege, shall be a ground for refusing to report.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report**

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Rev. Stat. § 620.050**

The identity of the reporter shall not be disclosed except:

- To law enforcement officials, the agency investigating the report, or to a multidisciplinary team
- Under court order, after a court has found reason to believe the reporter knowingly made a false report



**Louisiana****Professionals Required to Report****Children's Code art. 603(13)**

Mandatory reporters include any of the following individuals performing their occupational duties:

- Health practitioners, including physicians, surgeons, physical therapists, dentists, residents, interns, hospital staff members, podiatrists, chiropractors, licensed nurses, nursing aides, dental hygienists, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, optometrists, medical examiners, or coroners
- Mental health/social service practitioners including psychiatrists, psychologists, marriage or family counselors, social workers, members of the clergy, aides, or other individuals who provide counseling services to a child or his or her family
- Members of the clergy, including priests, rabbis, duly ordained clerical deacons or ministers, or Christian Science practitioners
- Teachers, child care providers, teacher's aides, instructional aides, school principals, school staff members, probation officers, foster home parents, group home or other child care institutional staff members, personnel of residential home facilities, or licensed or unlicensed daycare providers
- Police officers or law enforcement officials
- Commercial film and photographic print processors
- Mediators
- Parenting coordinators

**Reporting by Other Persons****Children's Code art. 609**

Any other person who has cause to believe that a child's health is endangered as a result of abuse or neglect may report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Children's Code art. 609; 610**

A report is required when:

- A reporter has cause to believe that a child's health is endangered as a result of abuse or neglect.
- A commercial film or photographic print processor has knowledge of or observe any film, photograph, videotape, negative, or slide depicting a child, whom he or she knows or should know is under age 17, that constitutes child pornography.

**Privileged Communications****Children's Code art. 603; 609**

A clergy member is not required to report a confidential communication from a person to a member of the clergy who, in the course of the discipline or practice of that church, denomination, or organization, is authorized or accustomed to hearing confidential communications, and under the discipline or tenets of the church, denomination, or organization has a duty to keep such communications confidential.

Notwithstanding any claim of privileged communication, any mandatory reporter who has cause to believe that a child's physical or mental health or welfare is endangered as a result of abuse or neglect, or that abuse or neglect was a contributing factor in a child's death, shall report.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report****Children's Code art. 610**

The report must include the name and address of the reporter.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Rev. Stat. § 46:56(8)(b)**

The identity of the reporter shall not be released unless a court finds that the reporter knowingly made a false report.

**Maine****Professionals Required to Report****Rev. Stat. tit. 22, § 4011-A**

Mandatory reporters include:

- Allopathic and osteopathic physicians, emergency medical services persons, medical examiners, podiatrists, physicians' assistants, dentists, dental hygienists and assistants, chiropractors, nurses, home health aides, medical or social service workers
- Teachers, guidance counselors, school officials, children's summer camp administrators or counselors, or child care personnel
- Social workers, psychologists, or mental health professionals
- Court Appointed Special Advocates, guardians *ad litem*, homemakers, law enforcement officials, fire inspectors, municipal code enforcement officials, or chairs of licensing boards that have jurisdiction over mandated reporters
- Commercial film and photographic print processors
- Clergy members acquiring the information as a result of clerical professional work except for information received during confidential communications
- Humane agents employed by the Department of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Resources

**Reporting by Other Persons****Rev. Stat. tit. 22, § 4011-A**

Any other person who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been or is likely to be abused or neglected may report.

An animal control officer may report to the department when that person knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been or is likely to be abused or neglected.

**Standards for Making a Report****Rev. Stat. tit. 22, §§ 4011-A; 4011-B**

A report is required when:

- The person knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is or is likely to be abused or neglected.
- A health-care provider involved in the delivery or care of an infant knows or has reasonable cause to suspect the infant has been born affected by illegal substance abuse or is suffering from withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure.

**Privileged Communications****Rev. Stat. tit. 22, §§ 4011-A; 4015**

- A member of the clergy may claim privilege when information is received during a confidential communication.
- The husband-wife and physician and psychotherapist-patient privileges cannot be invoked as a reason not to report.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report****Rev. Stat. tit. 22, § 4012**

The report shall include the name, occupation, and contact information for the person making the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Rev. Stat. tit. 22, § 4008**

The department will protect the identity of reporters and other persons as appropriate when disclosing information in the records to a child named in a report, the child's parent, custodian, or caretaker, or a party to a child protection proceeding.

## Maryland

### Professionals Required to Report

#### Fam. Law § 5-704

Persons required to report include:

- Health practitioners
- Educators or human service workers
- Police officers

### Reporting by Other Persons

#### Fam. Law § 5-705

Any other person who has reason to believe that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect must report.

### Standards for Making a Report

#### Fam. Law §§ 5-704; 5-705

A report is required when, acting in a professional capacity, the person has reason to believe that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect.

### Privileged Communications

#### Fam. Law § 5-705

Only the attorney-client and clergy-penitent privileges are permitted.

### Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

### Disclosure of Reporter Identity

This issue is not addressed in the statutes reviewed.

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## Massachusetts

### Professionals Required to Report

#### Gen. Laws ch. 119, § 51A

Mandatory reporters include:

- Physicians, hospital personnel, medical examiners, emergency medical technicians, dentists, nurses, chiropractors, optometrists, or psychiatrists
- Teachers, educational administrators, daycare workers or persons paid to care for or work with children in facilities that provide daycare or residential services, family daycare systems and child care food programs, or school attendance officers
- Psychologists, social workers, licensed allied mental health and human services professionals, drug and alcoholism counselors, clinical social workers, or guidance or family counselors
- Probation officers, clerk or magistrates of district courts, parole officers, foster parents, firefighters, or police officers
- Priests, rabbis, clergy members, ministers, leaders of any church or religious body, accredited Christian Science practitioners, persons performing official duties on behalf of a church or religious body, leader of any church or religious body, or persons employed by a church or religious body to supervise, educate, coach, train, or counsel a child on a regular basis

### Reporting by Other Persons

#### Gen. Laws ch. 119, § 51A

Any other person who has reasonable cause to believe that a child is suffering from abuse or neglect may report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Gen. Laws ch. 119, § 51A**

A report is required when the reporter, in his or her professional capacity, has reasonable cause to believe that a child is suffering injury from abuse or neglect that inflicts harm or a substantial risk of harm.

**Privileged Communications****Gen. Laws ch. 119, § 51A**

- A clergy member shall report all cases of abuse, but need not report information gained in a confession or other confidential communication.
- Any other privilege relating to confidential communications shall not prohibit the filing of a report.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report****Gen. Laws ch. 119, § 51A**

A report shall include the name of the reporter.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity**

This issue is not addressed in the statutes reviewed.

**Michigan****Professionals Required to Report****Comp. Laws § 722.623**

Mandatory reporters include:

- Physicians, physician assistants, dentists, dental hygienists, medical examiners, nurses, persons licensed to provide emergency medical care, or audiologists
- School administrators, counselors, or teachers
- Regulated child care providers
- Psychologists, marriage and family therapists, licensed professional counselors, social workers, or social work technicians
- Law enforcement officers
- Members of the clergy
- Department employees, including eligibility specialists, family independence managers, family independence specialists, social services specialists, social work specialists, social work specialist managers, or welfare services specialists

**Reporting by Other Persons****Comp. Laws § 722.624**

Any other person, including a child, who has reasonable cause to suspect child abuse or neglect, may report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Comp. Laws § 722.623**

A report is required when a reporter has reasonable cause to suspect child abuse or neglect.

**Privileged Communications****Comp. Laws § 722.631**

Only the attorney-client or clergy-penitent privilege can be grounds for not reporting.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report**

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Comp. Laws §§ 722.625; 722.627**

The identity of a reporting person is confidential subject to disclosure only with the consent of that person or by judicial process.

The identity of the reporter is protected in any release of information to the subject of the report.

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**Minnesota****Professionals Required to Report****Ann. Stat. § 626.556, Subd. 3**

Mandatory reporters include:

- A professional or professional's delegate who is engaged in the practice of the healing arts, hospital administration, psychological or psychiatric treatment, child care, education, social services, correctional supervision, probation or correctional services, or law enforcement
- A member of the clergy who received the information while engaged in ministerial duties

**Reporting by Other Persons****Ann. Stat. § 626.556, Subd. 3**

Any other person may voluntarily report if the person knows, has reason to believe, or suspects that a child is being neglected or subjected to sexual or physical abuse.

**Standards for Making a Report****Ann. Stat. § 626.556, Subd. 3**

A report is required when a reporter knows or has reason to believe that a child is being neglected or sexually or physically abused or has been neglected or physically or sexually abused within the preceding 3 years.

**Privileged Communications****Ann. Stat. § 626.556, Subd. 3 & 8**

- A member of the clergy is not required by this subdivision to report information that is otherwise privileged under § 595.02, subdivision 1, paragraph (c).
- No evidence relating to the neglect or abuse of a child or to any prior incidents of neglect or abuse involving any of the same persons accused of neglect or abuse shall be excluded in any proceeding on the grounds of privilege set forth in section 595.02, subdivision 1, paragraph (a) [husband-wife], (d) [medical practitioner-patient], or (g) [mental health professional-client].

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report****Ann. Stat. § 626.556, Subd. 7**

The written report from a mandatory reporter must include the name and address of the reporter.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Ann. Stat. § 626.556, Subd. 11**

- The name of the reporter shall be kept confidential while the report is under investigation.
- After the investigation is complete, the subject of the report may compel disclosure of the name only upon the reporter's consent or a finding by the court that the report was false and made in bad faith.

**Mississippi****Professionals Required to Report****Ann. Code § 43-21-353**

The following professionals are required to report:

- Physicians, dentists, interns, residents, or nurses
- Public or private school employees or child care givers
- Psychologists, social workers, family protection workers, or family protection specialists
- Attorneys, ministers, or law enforcement officers

**Reporting by Other Persons****Ann. Code § 43-21-353**

All other persons who have reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused or neglected must report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Ann. Code § 43-21-353**

A report is required when a person has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused or neglected.

**Privileged Communications**

This issue is not addressed in the statutes reviewed.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report****Ann. Code § 43-21-353**

The department's report shall include the name and address of all witnesses, including the reporter if he or she is a material witness to the abuse.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Ann. Code § 43-21-353**

The identity of the reporting party shall not be disclosed to anyone other than law enforcement officers or prosecutors without an order from the appropriate youth court.

*[Effective July 1, 2007]* The identity of the reporter shall not be disclosed to an individual under investigation.

**Missouri****Professionals Required to Report****Rev. Stat. §§ 210.115; 568.110; 352.400**

Professionals required to report include:

- Physicians, medical examiners, coroners, dentists, chiropractors, optometrists, podiatrists, residents, interns, nurses, hospital and clinic personnel, or other health practitioners
- Daycare center workers or other child care workers, teachers, principals, or other school officials
- Psychologists, mental health professionals, social workers
- Ministers including clergypersons, priests, rabbis, Christian Science practitioners, or other persons serving in a similar capacity for any religious organization
- Juvenile officers, probation, parole officers, peace officers, law enforcement officials, or jail or detention center personnel
- Other persons with responsibility for the care of children
- Commercial film and photographic print processors, computer providers, installers, or repair persons, or Internet service providers

**Reporting by Other Persons****Rev. Stat. § 210.115**

Any other person who has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect may report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Rev. Stat. §§ 210.115; 568.110**

A report is required when:

- A reporter has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect.
- A reporter observes a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances that would reasonably result in abuse or neglect.
- A commercial film and photographic print processor has knowledge of or observes any film, photograph, videotape, negative, slide, or computer-generated image or picture depicting a child engaged in an act of sexual conduct.

**Privileged Communications****Rev. Stat. § 210.140**

Only the attorney-client or clergy-penitent privilege may be grounds for failure to report.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report****Rev. Stat. § 210.130**

The report must include the name, address, occupation, and contact information for the person making the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Rev. Stat. § 210.150**

The names or other identifying information of reporters shall not be furnished to any child, parent, guardian, or alleged perpetrator named in the report.

**Montana****Professionals Required to Report****Ann. Code § 41-3-201**

Professionals required to report include:

- Physicians, residents, interns, members of hospital staffs, nurses, osteopaths, chiropractors, podiatrists, medical examiners, coroners, dentists, optometrists, or any other health professionals
- School teachers, other school officials, employees who work during regular school hours, operators or employees of any registered or licensed daycare or substitute care facility, or any other operators or employees of child care facilities
- Mental health professionals or social workers
- Religious healers
- Foster care, residential, or institutional workers
- Members of clergy, as defined in § 15-6-2-1(2)(a): The term "clergy" means:
  - » An ordained minister, priest, or rabbi
  - » A commissioned or licensed minister of a church or church denomination that ordains ministers if the person has the authority to perform substantially all the religious duties of the church or denomination
  - » A member of a religious order who has taken a vow of poverty
  - » A Christian Science practitioner
- Guardians *ad litem* or court-appointed advocates authorized to investigate a report
- Peace officers or other law enforcement officials

**Reporting by Other Persons****Ann. Code § 41-3-201**

Any other person who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused or neglected may report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Ann. Code § 41-3-201**

A report is required when:

- A reporter knows or has reasonable cause to suspect, as a result of information received in his or her professional or official capacity, that a child is abused or neglected.
- A health-care professional involved in the delivery or care of an infant knows that the infant is affected by a dangerous drug.

**Privileged Communications****Ann. Code § 41-3-201**

- A person listed as a mandated reporter may not refuse to make a report as required in this section on the grounds of a physician-patient or similar privilege.
- A member of the clergy or priest is not required to make a report under this section if the communication is required to be confidential by canon law, church doctrine, or established church practice.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report**

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Ann. Code § 41-3-205**

The identity of the reporter shall not be disclosed in any release of information to the subject of the report.



**Nebraska****Professionals Required to Report****Rev. Stat. § 28-711**

Professionals required to report include:

- Physicians, medical institutions, or nurses
- School employees
- Social workers

**Reporting by Other Persons****Rev. Stat. § 28-711**

All other persons who have reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect must report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Rev. Stat. § 28-711**

A report is required when:

- A reporter has reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect.
- A reporter observes a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances that reasonably would result in abuse or neglect.

**Privileged Communications****Rev. Stat. § 28-714**

The physician-patient, counselor-client, and husband-wife privileges shall not be grounds for failing to report.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report****Rev. Stat. § 28-711**

The initial oral report shall include the reporter's name and address.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Rev. Stat. § 28-719**

The name and address of the reporter shall not be included in any release of information.

**Nevada****Professionals Required to Report****Rev. Stat. § 432B.220**

Mandatory reporters include:

- Physicians, dentists, dental hygienists, chiropractors, optometrists, podiatrists, medical examiners, residents, interns, nurses, or physician assistants
- Emergency medical technicians, other persons providing medical services, or hospital personnel
- Coroners
- School administrators, teachers, counselors, or librarians
- Any persons who maintain or are employed by facilities or establishments that provide care for children, children's camps, or other facilities, institutions, or agencies furnishing care to children
- Psychiatrists, psychologists, marriage and family therapists, clinical professional counselors, clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselors, alcohol or drug abuse counselors, athletic trainers, or social workers
- Members of the clergy, practitioners of Christian Science, or religious healers, unless they have acquired the knowledge of the abuse or neglect from the offenders during confessions
- Persons licensed to conduct foster homes
- Officers or employees of law enforcement agencies or adult or juvenile probation officers
- Attorneys, unless they have acquired the knowledge of the abuse or neglect from clients who are, or may be, accused of the abuse or neglect
- Any person who is employed by or serves as a volunteer for an approved youth shelter
- Any adult person who is employed by an entity that provides organized activities for children
- Any person who maintains, is employed by, or serves as a volunteer for an agency or service that advises persons regarding abuse or neglect of a child and refers them to services

**Reporting by Other Persons****Rev. Stat. § 432B.220**

Any other person may report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Rev. Stat. § 432B.220**

A report is required when:

- A reporter, in his or her professional capacity, knows or has reason to believe that a child is abused or neglected.
- A reporter has reasonable cause to believe that a child has died as a result of abuse or neglect.
- A medical services provider who delivers or provides medical services to a newborn infant and in his or her professional or occupational capacity, knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the newborn infant has been affected by prenatal illegal substance abuse or has withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure.

**Privileged Communications****Rev. Stat. §§ 432B.220; 432B.250**

- The clergy-penitent privilege applies when the knowledge is gained during religious confession.
- The attorney-client privilege applies when the knowledge is acquired from a client who is or may be accused of abuse.
- Any other person who is required to report may not invoke privilege for failure to make a report.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report**

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Rev. Stat. § 432B.290**

The identity of the reporter is kept confidential.

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**New Hampshire****Professionals Required to Report****Rev. Stat. § 169-C:29**

The following professionals are required to report:

- Physicians, surgeons, county medical examiners, psychiatrists, residents, interns, dentists, osteopaths, optometrists, chiropractors, nurses, hospital personnel, or Christian Science practitioners
- Teachers, school officials, nurses, or counselors
- Daycare workers or any other child or foster care workers
- Social workers
- Psychologists or therapists
- Priests, ministers, or rabbis
- Law enforcement officials

**Reporting by Other Persons****Rev. Stat. § 169-C:29**

All other persons who have reason to suspect that a child has been abused or neglected must report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Rev. Stat. § 169-C:29**

A report is required when a person has reason to suspect that a child has been abused or neglected.

**Privileged Communications****Rev. Stat. § 169-C:32**

Only the attorney-client privilege is permitted.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report**

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity**

This issue is not addressed in the statutes reviewed.

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**New Jersey****Professionals Required to Report**

No professional groups are specified in statute; all persons are required to report.

**Reporting by Other Persons****Ann. Stat. § 9:6-8.10**

Any person having reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subjected to child abuse or neglect or acts of child abuse shall report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Ann. Stat. § 9:6-8.10**

A report is required when a person has reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect.

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**Privileged Communications**

This issue is not addressed in the statutes reviewed.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report**

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Ann. Stat. § 9:6-8.10a**

- The identity of the reporter shall not be made public.
- Any information that could endanger any person shall not be released.

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**New Mexico****Professionals Required to Report****Ann. Stat. § 32A-4-3**

Professionals required to report include:

- Physicians, residents, or interns
- Law enforcement officers or judges
- Nurses
- Teachers or school officials
- Social workers
- Members of the clergy

**Reporting by Other Persons****Ann. Stat. § 32A-4-3**

Every person who knows or has a reasonable suspicion that a child is an abused or a neglected child shall report the matter immediately.

**Standards for Making a Report****Ann. Stat. § 32A-4-3**

A report is required when a person knows or has a reasonable suspicion that a child is abused or neglected.

**Privileged Communications****Ann. Stat. §§ 32A-4-3; 32A-4-5**

- A clergy member need not report any information that is privileged.
- The report or its contents or any other facts related thereto or to the condition of the child who is the subject of the report shall not be excluded on the ground that the matter is or may be the subject of a physician-patient privilege or similar privilege or rule against disclosure.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report**

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Ann. Stat. § 32A-4-33**

Any release of information to a parent, guardian, or legal custodian shall not include identifying information about the reporter.

**New York****Professionals Required to Report****Soc. Serv. Law § 413**

*[Effective October 1, 2007]*

The following persons and officials are required to report:

- Physicians, physician assistants, surgeons, medical examiners, coroners, dentists, dental hygienists, osteopaths, optometrists, chiropractors, podiatrists, residents, interns, psychologists, registered nurses, social workers, or emergency medical technicians
- Licensed creative arts therapists, marriage and family therapists, mental health counselors, or psychoanalysts
- Hospital personnel or Christian Science practitioners
- School officials, including but not limited to, teachers, guidance counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, school nurses, or administrators
- Social services workers, daycare center workers, providers of family or group family daycare, or employees or volunteers in a residential care facility or any other child care or foster care worker
- Mental health professionals, substance abuse counselors, or alcoholism counselors
- Peace officers, police officers, district attorneys or assistant district attorneys, investigators employed in the office of a district attorney, or other law enforcement officials

**Reporting by Other Persons****Soc. Serv. Law § 414**

Any other person who has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused or maltreated may report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Soc. Serv. Law § 413**

A report is required when the reporter has reasonable cause to suspect:

- A child coming before him or her in his or her professional or official capacity is an abused or maltreated child.
- The parent, guardian, custodian, or other person legally responsible for the child comes before the reporter and states from personal knowledge facts, conditions, or circumstances that, if correct, would render the child an abused or maltreated child.

**Privileged Communications**

This issue is not addressed in the statutes reviewed.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report****Soc. Serv. Law § 415**

The report shall include the name and contact information for the reporter.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Soc. Serv. Law § 422-a**

Any disclosure of information shall not identify the source of the report.

**North Carolina****Professionals Required to Report****Gen. Stat. § 7B-301**

Any person or institution who has cause to suspect abuse or neglect shall report.

**Reporting by Other Persons****Gen. Stat. § 7B-301**

All persons who have cause to suspect that any juvenile is abused, neglected, or dependent, or has died as the result of maltreatment, shall report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Gen. Stat. § 7B-301**

A report is required when a reporter has cause to suspect that any juvenile is abused, neglected, or dependent, or has died as the result of maltreatment.

**Privileged Communications****Gen. Stat. § 7B-310**

- No privilege shall be grounds for failing to report.
- Only the attorney-client privilege shall be grounds for excluding evidence of abuse in any judicial proceeding.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report****Gen. Stat. § 7B-301**

The report must include the name, address, and telephone number of the reporter.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Gen. Stat. § 7B-302**

The department shall hold the identity of the reporter in strictest confidence.

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**North Dakota****Professionals Required to Report****Cent. Code § 50-25.1-03**

*[Effective August 1, 2007]*

The following professionals are required to report:

- Physicians, nurses, dentists, optometrists, medical examiners or coroners, or any other medical or mental health professionals
- Religious practitioners of the healing arts
- Schoolteachers, administrators, or school counselors
- Addiction counselors, social workers, child care workers, or foster parents
- Police or law enforcement officers, juvenile court personnel, probation officers, division of juvenile services employees
- Members of the clergy

**Reporting by Other Persons****Cent. Code § 50-25.1-03**

Any other person who has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused or neglected may report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Cent. Code § 50-25.1-03**

A report is required when a reporter has knowledge of or reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused or neglected if the knowledge or suspicion is derived from information received by that person in that person's official or professional capacity.

**Privileged Communications****Cent. Code §§ 50-25.1-03; 50-25.1-10**

- A member of the clergy is not required to report such circumstances if the knowledge or suspicion is derived from information received in the capacity of spiritual adviser.
- Any privilege of communication between husband and wife or between any professional person and the person's patient or client, except between attorney and client, cannot be used as grounds for failing to report.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report**

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Cent. Code § 50-25.1-11**

All reports are confidential and must be made available to any person who is the subject of a report; provided, however, that the identity of persons reporting or supplying information is protected.

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**Northern Mariana Islands****Professionals Required to Report****Commonwealth Code tit. 6, § 5313**

Reports are required from the following:

- Any health care worker, including anesthesiologists, acupuncturists, chiropractors, dentists, health aides, hypnotists, massage therapists, mental health counselors, midwives, nurses, nurse practitioners, osteopaths, naturopaths, physical therapists, physicians, physician's assistants, psychiatrists, psychologists, radiologists, religious healing practitioners, surgeons, or x-ray technicians
- School teachers or other school officials
- Daycare providers, nannies, au-pair workers, or any other person who is entrusted with the temporary care of a minor child in return for compensation, except babysitters who are themselves minor children
- Counselors or social workers
- Peace officers or other law enforcement officials

**Reporting by Other Persons****Commonwealth Code tit. 6, § 5313**

Any other person may at any time report known or suspected instances of child abuse or neglect.

**Standards for Making a Report****Commonwealth Code tit. 6, § 5313**

A report is required when a mandated reporter comes into contact in a professional capacity with a child who the person knows or has reasonable cause to suspect is abused or neglected.

**Privileged Communications****Commonwealth Code tit. 6, § 5316**

Only the attorney-client privilege is permitted.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report**

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Commonwealth Code tit. 6, § 5325**

The release of the identity of the reporter is prohibited.

**Ohio****Professionals Required to Report****Rev. Code § 2151.421**

Mandatory reporters include:

- Attorneys
- Physicians, interns, residents, dentists, podiatrists, nurses, or other health care professionals
- Licensed psychologists, school psychologists, independent marriage and family therapists, or marriage and family therapists
- Speech pathologists or audiologists
- Coroners
- Administrators or employees of child daycare centers, administrators or employees of residential camps or child day camps, or administrators or employees of certified child care agencies or other public or private children services agencies
- School teachers, school employees, or school authorities
- Persons engaged in social work or the practice of professional counseling
- Agents of county humane societies
- Persons, other than clerics, rendering spiritual treatment through prayer in accordance with the tenets of a well-recognized religion
- Superintendents, board members, or employees of county boards of mental retardation; investigative agents contracted with by a county board of mental retardation; employees of the Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities; employees of a facility or home that provides respite care; employees of a home health agency; employees of an entity that provides homemaker services
- Persons performing the duties of an assessor or third party employed by a public children services agency to assist in providing child or family related services

**Reporting by Other Persons****Rev. Code § 2151.421**

Any other person who suspects that a child has suffered or faces a threat of suffering from abuse or neglect may report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Rev. Code § 2151.421**

A report is required when a mandated person is acting in an official or professional capacity and knows or suspects that a child has suffered or faces a threat of suffering any physical or mental wound, injury, disability, or condition of a nature that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of the child.

**Privileged Communications****Rev. Code § 2151.421**

- The attorney-client or physician-patient privilege is waived if the client or patient is a child who is suffering or faces the threat of suffering any physical or mental injury.
- The physician-patient privilege shall not be a ground for excluding evidence regarding a child's injuries, abuse, or neglect, or the cause of the injuries, abuse, or neglect in any judicial proceeding resulting from a report.
- A cleric is not required to make a report concerning any communication the cleric receives from a penitent in a cleric-penitent relationship, if, in accordance with § 2317.02(C), the cleric could not testify with respect to that communication in a civil or criminal proceeding.



**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report**

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Rev. Code § 2151.421**

The information provided in a report made pursuant to this section and the name of the person who made the report shall not be released for use, and shall not be used, as evidence in any civil action or proceeding brought against the person who made the report.

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**Oklahoma****Professionals Required to Report****Ann. Stat. tit. 10, §§ 7103-7104; tit. 21, § 1021.4**

Mandatory reporters include:

- Physicians, surgeons, residents, interns, physician assistants, dentists, osteopaths, nurses, or other health care professionals
- Teachers
- Commercial film and photographic print processors or computer technicians
- Other persons

**Reporting by Other Persons****Ann. Stat. tit. 10, § 7103**

Any person who has reason to believe that a child is a victim of abuse or neglect must report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Ann. Stat. tit. 10, §§ 7103-7104; tit. 21, § 1021.4**

A report is required when:

- A person has reason to believe that a child is a victim of abuse or neglect.
- A health care professional treats the victim of what appears to be criminally injurious conduct, including, but not limited to, child physical or sexual abuse.
- A health care professional attends the birth of a child who tests positive for alcohol or a controlled dangerous substance.
- A commercial film and photographic print processor or computer technician has knowledge of or observes any film, photograph, video tape, negative, or slide depicting a child engaged in an act of sexual conduct.

**Privileged Communications****Ann. Stat. tit. 10, § 7103**

No privilege shall relieve any person from the requirement to report.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report****Ann. Stat. tit. 10, § 7108**

Reports may be made anonymously.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Ann. Stat. tit. 10, § 7109**

The department shall not release the identity of the person who made the initial report unless a court orders the release of information for good cause shown.

**Oregon****Professionals Required to Report****Rev. Stat. §§ 419B.005; 419B.010**

A public or private official is mandated to report. Public or private officials include:

- Physicians, interns, or residents
- Dentists
- School employees
- Licensed practical nurses or registered nurses
- Employees of the Department of Human Services, State Commission on Children and Families, Child Care Division of the Employment Department, the Oregon Youth Authority, a county health department, a community mental health and developmental disabilities program, a county juvenile department, a licensed child-caring agency, or an alcohol and drug treatment program
- Peace officers
- Psychologists
- Members of the clergy
- Licensed clinical social workers
- Optometrists
- Chiropractors
- Certified providers of foster care or their employees
- Attorneys
- Naturopathic physicians
- Licensed professional counselors or marriage and family therapists
- Firefighters or emergency medical technicians
- Court appointed special advocates
- Registered or certified child care providers
- Members of the Legislative Assembly

**Reporting by Other Persons****Rev. Stat. § 419B.015**

Any person may voluntarily make a report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Rev. Stat. § 419B.010**

A report is required when any public or private official has reasonable cause to believe that any child with whom the official comes in contact has suffered abuse.

**Privileged Communications****Rev. Stat. § 419B.010**

- A psychiatrist, psychologist, member of the clergy, or attorney shall not be required to report if such communication is privileged under law.
- An attorney is not required to make a report of information communicated to the attorney in the course of representing a client, if disclosure of the information would be detrimental to the client.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report**

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Rev. Stat. § 419B.015**

The name, address, and other identifying information about the person who made the report may not be disclosed.

**Pennsylvania****Professionals Required to Report****Cons. Stat. ch. 23, § 6311***[Effective May 29, 2007]*

Persons required to report include, but are not limited to:

- Licensed physicians, osteopaths, medical examiners, coroners, funeral directors, dentists, optometrists, chiropractors, podiatrists, interns, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, or hospital personnel engaged in the admission, examination, care, or treatment of persons
- Christian Science practitioners or members of the clergy
- School administrators, school teachers, school nurses, social services workers, daycare center workers, or any other child care or foster care workers
- Mental health professionals
- Peace officers or law enforcement officials

**Reporting by Other Persons****Cons. Stat. ch. 23, § 6312**

Any person who has reason to suspect that a child is abused or neglected may report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Cons. Stat. ch. 23, § 6311**

A report is required when a person, who in the course of employment, occupation, or practice of a profession, comes into contact with children, has reasonable cause to suspect, on the basis of medical, professional, or other training and experience, that a child is a victim of child abuse.

**Privileged Communications****Cons. Stat. ch. 23, § 6311***[Effective May 29, 2007]*

Except with respect to confidential communications made to a member of the clergy that are protected under 42 Pa.C.S. § 5943 (relating to confidential communications to clergymen), and except with respect to confidential communications made to an attorney that are protected by 42 Pa.C.S. §§ 5916 or 5928 (relating to confidential communications to an attorney), the privileged communication between any professional person required to report and the patient or client of that person shall not apply to situations involving child abuse and shall not constitute grounds for failure to report as required by this chapter.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report****Cons. Stat. ch. 23, § 6313**

Mandated reporters must make a written report that includes their name and contact information.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Cons. Stat. ch. 23, § 6340**

The release of the identity of the mandated reporter is prohibited unless the secretary finds that the release will not be detrimental to the safety of the reporter.

**Puerto Rico****Professionals Required to Report****Ann. Laws tit. 8, § 446**

The following individuals and entities are required to report:

- Professionals or public officials
- Public, private, and privatized entities
- Professionals in the fields of health, justice, education, social work, or public order
- Persons who administer or work in caregiving institutions or centers, rehabilitation institutions, centers for minors, or foster homes
- Processors of film or photographs

**Reporting by Other Persons****Ann. Laws tit. 8, § 446**

Any person who has knowledge of or suspects that a minor is a victim of abuse or neglect must report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Ann. Laws tit. 8, § 446**

A report is required when:

- A person, in his or her professional capacity and in the performance of his or her functions, learns or comes to suspect that a minor is, has been, or is at risk of becoming a victim of abuse.
- A film processor has knowledge of or observes any motion picture, photograph, videotape, negative, or slide that depict a minor involved in a sexual activity.

**Privileged Communications**

This issue is not addressed in the statutes reviewed.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report**

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Ann. Laws tit. 8, § 446**

The identity of the person who made the report shall be kept in strict confidence.

**Rhode Island****Professionals Required to Report****Gen. Laws § 40-11-6**

Any physician or duly certified registered nurse practitioner is required to report.

**Reporting by Other Persons****Gen. Laws § 40-11-3(a)**

Any person who has reasonable cause to know or suspect that a child has been abused or neglected must report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Gen. Laws §§ 40-11-3(a); 40-11-6**

A report is required when:

- A person has reasonable cause to know or suspect that a child has been abused or neglected.
- A physician or nurse practitioner has cause to suspect that a child brought to them for treatment is an abused or neglected child, or he or she determines that a child under age 12 is suffering from any sexually transmitted disease.

**Privileged Communications****Gen. Laws § 40-11-11**

The privileged quality of communication between husband and wife and any professional person and his or her patient or client, except that between attorney and client, shall not constitute grounds for failure to report.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report**

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity**

This issue is not addressed in the statutes reviewed.

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**South Carolina****Professionals Required to Report****Ann. Code § 20-7-510**

The following professionals are required to report:

- Physicians, nurses, dentists, optometrists, medical examiners, or coroners
- Any other medical, emergency medical services, or allied health professionals
- School teachers or counselors, principals, or assistant principals
- Child care workers in any child care centers or foster care facilities
- Mental health professionals, social or public assistance workers, or substance abuse treatment staff
- Members of the clergy including Christian Science practitioners or religious healers
- Police or law enforcement officers, judges, funeral home directors or employees
- Persons responsible for processing films or computer technicians

**Reporting by Other Persons****Ann. Code § 20-7-510**

Any other person who has reason to believe that a child's physical or mental health or welfare has been or may be adversely affected by abuse and neglect may report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Ann. Code § 20-7-510**

A report is required when a reporter, in his or her professional capacity, receives information that gives him or her reason to believe that a child has been or may be abused or neglected.

**Privileged Communications****Ann. Code § 20-7-550**

The privileged quality of communication between husband and wife and any professional person and his patient or client, except that between attorney and client or clergy member, including Christian Science Practitioner or religious healer, and penitent, does not constitute grounds for failure to report.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report**

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Ann. Code § 20-7-510**

The identity of the person making a report pursuant to this section must be kept confidential by the agency or department receiving the report and must not be disclosed.

**South Dakota****Professionals Required to Report****Codified Laws § 26-8A-3**

Mandatory reporters include:

- Physicians, dentists, osteopaths, chiropractors, optometrists, nurses, coroners
- Teachers, school counselors or officials, child welfare providers
- Mental health professionals or counselors, psychologists, social workers, chemical dependency counselors, employees or volunteers of domestic abuse shelters, or religious healing practitioners
- Parole or court services officers or law enforcement officers
- Any safety-sensitive position (as defined in § 23-3-64), including any law enforcement officer authorized to carry firearms and any custody staff employed by any agency responsible for the rehabilitation or treatment of any adjudicated adult or juvenile

**Reporting by Other Persons****Codified Laws § 26-8A-3**

Any person who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been abused or neglected may report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Codified Laws § 26-8A-3**

A report is required when a reporter has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been abused or neglected.

**Privileged Communications****Codified Laws § 26-8A-15**

The following privileges may not be claimed as a reason for not reporting:

- Physician-patient
- Husband-wife
- School counselor-student
- Social worker-client

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report**

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Codified Laws § 26-8A-11.1**

The name of the reporter is not disclosed unless:

- The report is determined to be unsubstantiated.
- Within 30 days, the subject of the report requests disclosure of the reporter's identity.
- A hearing is held to determine whether the report was made with malice and without reasonable foundation and that release of the name will not endanger the life or safety of the reporter.

**Tennessee****Professionals Required to Report****Ann. Code §§ 37-1-403; 37-1-605**

Persons required to report include:

- Physicians, osteopaths, medical examiners, chiropractors, nurses, hospital personnel, or other health or mental health professionals
- School teachers, other school officials or personnel, daycare center workers, or other professional child care, foster care, residential, or institutional workers
- Social workers
- Practitioners who rely solely on spiritual means for healing
- Judges or law enforcement officers
- Neighbors, relatives, or friends
- Other persons

**Reporting by Other Persons****Ann. Code §§ 37-1-403; 37-1-605**

Any person who has knowledge that a child has been harmed by abuse or neglect must report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Ann. Code §§ 37-1-403; 37-1-605**

A report is required when:

- A person has knowledge that a child has been harmed by abuse or neglect.
- A person is called upon to render aid to any child who is suffering from an injury that reasonably appears to have been caused by abuse.
- A person knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been sexually abused.
- A physician diagnoses or treats any sexually transmitted disease in a child age 13 or younger.

**Privileged Communications****Ann. Code § 37-1-411**

The following privileges may not be claimed:

- Husband-wife
- Psychiatrist-patient or psychologist-patient

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report**

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Ann. Code § 37-1-409**

Except as may be ordered by the juvenile court, the name of any person reporting child abuse or neglect shall not be released to any person, other than employees of the department or other child protection team members responsible for child protective services, the abuse registry, or the appropriate district attorney general upon subpoena of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, without the written consent of the person reporting.

The reporter's identity shall be irrelevant to any civil proceeding and shall, therefore, not be subject to disclosure by order of any court. This shall not prohibit the subpoenaing of a person reporting child abuse when deemed necessary by the district attorney general or the department to protect a child who is the subject of a report; provided, that the fact that such person made the report is not disclosed.

**Texas****Professionals Required to Report****Fam. Code § 261.101**

Persons required to report include:

- A professional, for purposes of the reporting laws, is an individual who is licensed or certified by the State or who is an employee of a facility licensed, certified, or operated by the State and who, in the normal course of official duties or duties for which a license or certification is required, has direct contact with children.
- Professionals include:
  - » Teachers or daycare employees
  - » Nurses, doctors, or employees of a clinic or health-care facility that provides reproductive services
  - » Juvenile probation officers or juvenile detention or correctional officers

**Reporting by Other Persons****Fam. Code § 261.101**

A person who has cause to believe that a child has been adversely affected by abuse or neglect shall immediately make a report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Fam. Code § 261.101**

A report is required when a person has cause to believe that a child has been adversely affected by abuse or neglect.

**Privileged Communications****Fam. Code § 261.101**

The requirement to report applies without exception to an individual whose personal communications may otherwise be privileged, including an attorney, a member of the clergy, a medical practitioner, a social worker, a mental health professional, and an employee of a clinic or health-care facility that provides reproductive services.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report**

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Fam. Code §§ 261.101; 261.201**

Unless waived in writing by the person making the report, the identity of an individual making a report is confidential and may be disclosed only:

- As provided by § 261.201
- To a law enforcement officer for the purposes of conducting a criminal investigation of the report

A report of alleged or suspected abuse or neglect and the identity of the person making the report are confidential. A court may order the disclosure of such confidential information, if after a hearing and an in camera review of the requested information, the court determines that the disclosure is:

- Essential to the administration of justice
- Not likely to endanger the life or safety of a child who is the subject of the report, a person who made the report, or any other person who participates in an investigation of reported abuse or neglect or who provides care for the child

The Texas Youth Commission shall release a report of alleged or suspected abuse if the report relates to abuse or neglect involving a child committed to the commission. The commission shall edit any report disclosed under this section to protect the identity of:

- A child who is the subject of the report
- The person who made the report
- Any other person whose life or safety may be endangered by the disclosure



## Utah

### Professionals Required to Report

#### Ann. Code § 62A-4a-403

Any person licensed under the Medical Practice Act or the Nurse Practice Act is required to report.

### Reporting by Other Persons

#### Ann. Code § 62A-4a-403

Any person who has reason to believe that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect must report.

### Standards for Making a Report

#### Ann. Code § 62A-4a-403

A report is required when:

- A person has reason to believe that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect.
- A person observes a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances that would reasonably result in sexual abuse, physical abuse, or neglect.

### Privileged Communications

#### Ann. Code §§ 62A-4a-403; 62A-4a-412(5)

The requirement to report does not apply to clergy, without the consent of the person making the confession, with regard to any confession made to the clergy in his or her professional character in the course of discipline enjoined by the church.

The physician-patient privilege is not a ground for excluding evidence regarding a child's injuries or the cause of those injuries, in any proceeding resulting from a report made in good faith pursuant to this part.

### Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

### Disclosure of Reporter Identity

#### Ann. Code § 62A-4a-412(3)(b)

The name and contact information of the reporter shall be deleted prior to any release of records to the subject of the report.

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## Vermont

### Professionals Required to Report

#### Ann. Stat. tit. 33, § 4913

The following professionals are required to report:

- Physicians, surgeons, osteopaths, chiropractors, physician's assistants, hospital administrators, nurses, medical examiners, dentists, psychologists, or other health care providers
- School superintendents, school teachers, school librarians, child care workers, school principals, school guidance counselors, mental health professionals, or social workers
- Probation officers, police officers, camp owners, camp administrators or counselors
- Members of the clergy

### Reporting by Other Persons

#### Ann. Stat. tit. 33, § 4913

Any other person who has reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused or neglected may report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Ann. Stat. tit. 33, § 4913**

A report is required when a reporter has reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused or neglected.

**Privileged Communications****Ann. Stat. tit. 33, § 4913**

- Except as provided below, a person may not refuse to make a report required by this section on the grounds that making the report would violate a privilege or disclose a confidential communication.
- A member of the clergy is not required to report if the knowledge comes from a communication that is required to be kept confidential by religious doctrine.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report****Ann. Stat. tit. 33, § 4914**

Reports shall contain the name and address or other contact information of the reporter.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Ann. Stat. tit. 33, § 4913**

The name of and any identifying information about either the person making the report or any person mentioned in the report shall be confidential unless:

- The person making the report specifically allows disclosure.
- A judicial proceeding results from the report.
- A court, after a hearing, finds probable cause to believe that the report was not made in good faith and orders the department to make the name of the reporter available.

**Virgin Islands****Professionals Required to Report****Ann. Code tit. 5, § 2533**

The following professionals are required to report:

- Physicians, hospital personnel, nurses, dentists, or any other medical or mental health professionals
- School teachers or other school personnel, social service workers, daycare workers, or other child care or foster care workers
- Peace officers or law enforcement officials

**Reporting by Other Persons****Ann. Code tit. 5, § 2533**

Any other person who has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been abused or neglected may report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Ann. Code tit. 5, § 2533**

A report is required when:

- A reporter has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been subjected to abuse, sexual abuse, or neglect.
- A reporter observes the child being subjected to conditions or circumstances that would reasonably result in abuse or neglect.

**Privileged Communications****Ann. Code tit. 5, § 2538**

The privileged quality of communications between husband and wife and between any professional person and his or her patient or client, except that between attorney and client, shall not constitute grounds for failure to report.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report****Ann. Code tit. 5, § 2534**

The report shall include the name, address, and occupation of the reporter.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity**

This issue is not addressed in the statutes reviewed.

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**Virginia****Professionals Required to Report****Ann. Code § 63.2-1509**

The following professionals are required to report:

- Persons licensed to practice medicine or any of the healing arts
- Hospital residents, interns, or nurses
- Social workers or probation officers
- Teachers or other persons employed in a public or private school, kindergarten, or nursery school
- Persons providing full-time or part-time child care for pay on a regularly planned basis
- Mental health professionals
- Law enforcement officers or mediators
- Any professional staff person, not previously enumerated, employed by a private or State-operated hospital, institution, or facility to which children have been committed or where children have been placed for care and treatment
- Any person associated with or employed by any private organization responsible for the care, custody, or control of children
- Court-appointed special advocates
- Any person, over age 18, who has received training approved by the Department of Social Services for the purposes of recognizing and reporting child abuse and neglect
- Any person employed by a local department who determines eligibility for public assistance

**Reporting by Other Persons****Ann. Code § 63.2-1510**

Any person who suspects that a child is abused or neglected may report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Ann. Code § 63.2-1509**

A report is required when, in his or her professional or official capacity, a reporter has reason to suspect that a child is abused or neglected. For purposes of this section, "reason to suspect that a child is abused or neglected" shall include:

- A finding made by an attending physician within 7 days of a child's birth that the results of a blood or urine test conducted within 48 hours of the birth of the child indicate the presence of a controlled substance not prescribed for the mother by a physician
- A finding by an attending physician made within 48 hours of a child's birth that the child was born dependent on a controlled substance that was not prescribed by a physician for the mother and has demonstrated withdrawal symptoms
- A diagnosis by an attending physician made within 7 days of a child's birth that the child has an illness, disease, or condition that, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty, is attributable to in utero exposure to a controlled substance that was not prescribed by a physician for the mother or the child
- A diagnosis by an attending physician made within 7 days of a child's birth that the child has fetal alcohol syndrome attributable to in utero exposure to alcohol

**Privileged Communications****Ann. Code §§ 63.2-1509; 63.2-1519**

[The requirement to report] shall not apply to any regular minister, priest, rabbi, imam, or duly accredited practitioner of any religious organization or denomination usually referred to as a church as it relates to information required by the doctrine of the religious organization or denomination to be kept in a confidential manner.

The physician-patient or husband-wife privilege is not permitted.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report**

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity**

This issue is not addressed in the statutes reviewed.

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**Washington****Professionals Required to Report****Rev. Code § 26.44.030**

The following persons are required to report:

- Practitioners, county coroners, or medical examiners
- Law enforcement officers
- Professional school personnel
- Registered or licensed nurses, social service counselors, psychologists, or pharmacists
- Employees of the Department of Early Learning
- Licensed or certified child care providers or their employees
- Employees of the department
- Juvenile probation officers
- Placement and liaison specialists, responsible living skills program staff, or HOPE center staff
- State family and children's ombudsman or any volunteer in the ombudsman's office
- Persons who supervise employees or volunteers who train, educate, coach, or counsel children or have regular unsupervised access to children
- Department of Corrections Personnel
- Any adult with whom a child resides

**Reporting by Other Persons****Rev. Code § 26.44.030**

Any person who has reasonable cause to believe that a child has suffered abuse or neglect may report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Rev. Code § 26.44.030**

A report is required when:

- A reporter has reasonable cause to believe that a child has suffered abuse or neglect.
- Any person, in his or her official supervisory capacity with a nonprofit or for-profit organization, has reasonable cause to believe that a child has suffered abuse or neglect caused by a person over whom he or she regularly exercises supervisory authority.
- Department of Corrections personnel observe offenders or the children with whom the offenders are in contact, and as a result of these observations have reasonable cause to believe that a child has suffered abuse or neglect.
- Any adult has reasonable cause to believe that a child who resides with them has suffered severe abuse.

**Privileged Communications****Rev. Code §§ 26.44.030; 26.44.060**

- A person who supervises employees or volunteers who train, educate, coach, or counsel children or have regular unsupervised access children shall not be required to report when he or she obtains the information solely as a result of a privileged communication.
- Information considered privileged by statute and not directly related to reports required by this section must not be divulged without a valid written waiver of the privilege.
- Conduct conforming with reporting requirements shall not be deemed a violation of the confidential communication privilege of §§ 5.60.060 (3) and (4) [pertaining to clergy-penitent and physician-patient privilege], 18.53.200 [pertaining to optometrist-patient privilege], and 18.83.110 [pertaining to psychologist-client privilege].

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report****Rev. Code § 26.44.030**

The department shall make reasonable efforts to learn the name, address, and telephone number of the reporter.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Rev. Code § 26.44.030**

The department shall provide assurances of appropriate confidentiality of the identification of persons reporting under this section.

**West Virginia****Professionals Required to Report****Ann. Code § 49-6A-2**

The following professionals are required to report:

- Medical, dental, or mental health professionals
- Christian Science practitioners or religious healers
- School teachers or other school personnel
- Social service workers or child care or foster care workers
- Emergency medical services personnel
- Peace officer, law enforcement officials, or humane officers
- Members of the clergy
- Circuit court judges, family court judges, employees of the Division of Juvenile Services, or magistrates

**Reporting by Other Persons****Ann. Code § 49-6A-2**

Any person who has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused or neglected may report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Ann. Code § 49-6A-2**

A report is required when:

- A reporter has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused or neglected.
- A reporter observes a child being subjected to conditions that are likely to result in abuse or neglect.
- A reporter believes that a child has suffered serious physical abuse, sexual abuse, or sexual assault.

**Privileged Communications****Ann. Code § 49-6A-7**

The privileged quality of communications between husband and wife and between any professional person and his or her patient or client, except that between attorney and client, cannot be invoked in situations involving suspected or known child abuse or neglect.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report**

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity**

This issue is not addressed in the statutes reviewed.

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**Wisconsin****Professionals Required to Report****Ann. Stat. § 48.981**

The following professionals are required to report:

- Physicians, coroners, medical examiners, nurses, dentists, chiropractors, optometrists, acupuncturists, other medical or mental health professionals, physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, dietitians, occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, or emergency medical technicians
- School teachers, administrators or counselors, child care workers in daycare centers, group homes, or residential care centers, or daycare providers
- Alcohol or other drug abuse counselors, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, or members of the treatment staff employed by or working under contract with a county department or a residential care center for children and youth
- Social workers, public assistance workers, first responders, police or law enforcement officers, mediators, or court appointed special advocates
- Members of the clergy or a religious order, including brothers, ministers, monks, nuns, priests, rabbis, or sisters

**Reporting by Other Persons****Ann. Stat. § 48.981**

Any person, including an attorney, who has reason to suspect that a child has been abused or neglected or who has reason to believe that a child has been threatened with abuse or neglect and that abuse or neglect of the child will occur may report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Ann. Stat. § 48.981**

A report is required when:

- A reporter, in the course of his or her professional duties, has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been abused or neglected.
- A reporter, in the course of his or her professional duties, has reason to believe that a child has been threatened with abuse or neglect or that abuse or neglect will occur.

**Privileged Communications****Ann. Stat. § 48.981**

A member of the clergy is not required to report child abuse information that he or she receives solely through confidential communications made to him or her privately or in a confessional setting if he or she is authorized to hear or is accustomed to hearing such communications and, under the disciplines, tenets, or traditions of his or her religion, has a duty or is expected to keep those communications secret. Those disciplines, tenets, or traditions need not be in writing.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report**

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity****Ann. Stat. § 48.981**

The identity of the reporter shall not be disclosed to the subject of the report.

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**Wyoming****Professionals Required to Report**

No professional groups are specified in statute; all persons are required to report.

**Reporting by Other Persons****Ann. Stat. § 14-3-205**

All persons must report.

**Standards for Making a Report****Ann. Stat. § 14-3-205**

A report is required when:

- A person knows or has reasonable cause to believe or suspect that a child has been abused or neglected.
- A person observes any child being subjected to conditions or circumstances that would reasonably result in abuse or neglect.

**Privileged Communications****Ann. Stat. § 14-3-210**

Only the clergy-penitent and attorney-client privileges are permitted.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report****Ann. Stat. § 14-3-206**

The report must include any available photographs, videos, and x-rays with the identification of the person who created the evidence and the date the evidence was created.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity**

This issue is not addressed in the statutes reviewed.