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Mandatory Reporters of Child Abuse and Neglect

Children deserve a life of happiness, protection and empowerment. When a child is abused, it is a tremendously unjust crime, on a number of levels. What is even worst, is the willful blindness in our society or the ignoring of the suspicion of abuse. It's now time to be educated on the most basic of levels of how to identify and report abuse; and if you seek deeper knowledge, we will soon have that available. Visit our web site at www.speakingoutsafely.org today! Choose to be empowered and **BE THE PERSON** to help someone in need. The world needs heroes and if you're reading this - you are a hero. Join us!



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Professionals Required to Report Most states designate professions whose members are mandated by law to report child maltreatment. Individuals designated as mandatory reporters typically have frequent contact with children. Such individuals may include:

- Medical professions and those who work in medical offices
- Teachers, guidance counselors, school officials, youth camp administrators or counselors, social workers, school bus drivers or attendants
- Government workers, all levels, including court systems, law enforcement, federal, state or municipal
- Sexual assault counselors or family or domestic violence victim advocates
- Homemakers, home-health aides, medical or social service workers, psychologists, child care personnel, or mental health professionals
- Commercial film and photographic print processors
- Clergy members
- Chairs of professional licensing boards that have jurisdiction over mandated reporters
- Medical examiners or coroners

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Review the laws and expectations of mandated reporters in your state on the reverse side of this card.

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Professionals Required to Report Rev. Stat. Tit. 22, § 4011-A

The following persons, when acting in a professional capacity, are required to report:

- Allopathic or osteopathic physicians, residents, interns, emergency medical services persons, medical examiners, physician's assistants, dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, chiropractors, podiatrists, or registered or licensed practical nurses
- Teachers, guidance counselors, school officials, youth camp administrators or counselors, or social workers
- Court-appointed special advocates or guardians ad litem
- Homemakers, home-health aides, medical or social service workers, psychologists, child care personnel, or mental health professionals
- Law enforcement official, State or municipal fire inspectors, or municipal code enforcement officials
- Commercial film and photographic print processors
- Clergy members
- Chairs of professional licensing boards that have jurisdiction over mandated reporters
- Humane agents employed by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources
- Sexual assault counselors or family or domestic violence victim advocates
- School bus drivers or attendants

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.

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Speaking Out Safely® is a non-profit organization focused on the prevention and response of three epidemic level crises: child sexual abuse, domestic violence and bullying. We provide simple, yet robust educational solutions, communications and training tools. Speaking Out Safely educates across the spectrum of each topic: primary prevention, bystander intervention, if abuse does happen - support, management and strategy, self advocacy in the form of legal seminars, healing solutions and advocate training. At Speaking out Safely, we aim to invent a new future for a loving, empowered and 'us world'. We look forward to your partnership.

Emergency Telephone Numbers

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Police Telephone

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