

US CHESS FEDERATION'S

GUIDE TO STATE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

All 50 states and the District of Columbia have laws that require reporting of suspected or observed child abuse and neglect. US Chess Federation has prepared the following summary of each state's laws regarding child abuse and neglect reporting requirements. States where everyone is a mandatory reporter are highlighted in yellow under "Who must report?".

This summary should be used as a resource to assist members, coaches, volunteers, and players with identifying and reporting suspected child abuse or neglect to protect the health and safety of children connected to the organization. This summary may not fully describe all your reporting obligations and may not reflect changes in state law after it has been produced.

If you have questions about or suggested updates to this summary, please contact Melinda Matthews, Safe Play Manager at mmatthews@uschess.org, or consult local law enforcement.

If you have reason to suspect that a child is in immediate danger, contact the nearest local law enforcement agency or dial 9-1-1.

ALABAMA

Who must report?	For a complete list of mandated reporters, please see Ala. Code 1975 § 26-14-3 .
What must be reported?	When a child is known or suspected to be a victim of child abuse or neglect.
What is child abuse?	Under Alabama law, child abuse is "harm or threatened harm to a child's health or welfare which can occur through nonaccidental physical or mental injury; sexual abuse or attempted sexual abuse; sexual exploitation or attempted sexual exploitation."
How to report?	Alabama requires you to report suspected child abuse and neglect to the County Department of Human Resources or local law enforcement agency. Each county's specific contact information can be found here: https://dhr.alabama.gov/county-office-contact/ After hours/emergency contact numbers by county can be found here: https://dhr.alabama.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/DHR-After-Hours-Emergency-Contact-Numbers-by-County-5-26-22.pdf * NOTE: Alabama law requires that you prepare a written report after making an oral report. *NOTE: The age of majority in Alabama is 19 years old.

When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	The name of the child, his or her whereabouts, the names and addresses of the parents or guardian, and a description of the child's condition.
For additional information, please visit:	https://dhr.alabama.gov/child-protective-services/

ALASKA

Who must report?	For a complete list of mandated reporters, please see AS § 47.17.020 .
What must be reported?	Reasonable cause to suspect that a child has suffered harm as a result of child abuse or neglect.
What is child abuse?	Physical injury or neglect, mental injury, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, or maltreatment by a person under circumstances that indicate that the child's health or welfare is harmed or threatened.
How to report?	You must report to the Office of Children's Services and to the local law enforcement agency. Call: 1-800-478-4444 Email: ReportChildAbuse@alaska.gov or Fax: 907-269-3939
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name, age, date of birth, gender, ethnic heritage/race and current address of the child, and if known the child's Alaska Native or American Indian Tribal Affiliation • The location of everyone involved at the time the report is made • Names, addresses and phone numbers of parents, out of home parents, and the child's siblings • Name, Address, Phone Numbers of the person suspected for maltreatment • The details of the primary concern, how often it is happening and how severe is it? Did you witness it and if so, when? • Was there an incident or situation that led to the report? • Any action taken by reporter (or others) • Names of individuals and their contact information who might have more information • The names, addresses and phone numbers of others who have knowledge of the incident or situation • Anonymous reports are also acceptable (mandatory reporters must provide their name and contact information so it can be verified that they reported)
For additional information, please visit:	https://dfcs.alaska.gov/ocs/Pages/childrensjustice/mandatoryreporting.aspx

ARIZONA

Who must report?	Any person who has responsibility for the care or treatment of the minor. For a complete list of mandated reporters, please see ARS 13-3620 .
What must be reported?	A reasonable belief that a minor is or has been the victim of physical injury, abuse, child abuse, a reportable offense or neglect that appears to have been inflicted on the minor by other than accidental means or that is not explained by the available medical history as being accidental in nature.
What is child abuse?	<p>The infliction or allowing of physical injury, impairment of bodily function or disfigurement or the infliction of or allowing another person to cause serious emotional damage as evidenced by severe anxiety, depression, withdrawal or untoward aggressive behavior and which emotional damage is diagnosed by a medical doctor or psychologist and is caused by the acts or omissions of an individual who has the care, custody and control of a child.</p> <p>Abuse includes inflicting or allowing sexual abuse, sexual conduct with a minor, sexual assault, molestation of a child, commercial sexual exploitation of a minor, sexual exploitation of a minor, incest, or child sex trafficking.</p>
How to report?	Call Arizona Child Abuse Hotline at 1-888-SOS-CHILD (1-888-767-2445) or report online here .
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	<p>When reporting over the phone, you will be asked for information about the child, the nature of your concerns, the present location of the child, and about the family with whom the child lives. When reporting online, you will be asked for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify yourself and what type of reporting source you are (i.e. school, law enforcement, etc.); • To identify the child's age, school/daycare or where the child can be located; • To identify the adult profile of the alleged abuser/neglecter; • To identify what happened and your concerns; and • To identify any other details that you believe will help ensure the safety of the child.
For additional information, please visit:	https://dcs.az.gov/report-child-abuse

ARKANSAS

Who must report?	Adults who observe abuse, sexual abuse, or sexual exploitation of a child and a coach or director of a public or private athletic or nonathletic organization, team, or club are required to report (among others). For a complete list of mandatory reporters, please see A.C.A. § 12-18-402 .
What must be reported?	Reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been subjected to child maltreatment, died of child maltreatment, or died suddenly and unexpectedly, or observes a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances that would reasonably result in child maltreatment.
What does child maltreatment mean?	Abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, sexual exploitation, or abandonment.
How to report?	Call 800-482-5964 or report online here .
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporter Information – provide your contact/agency information • Alleged Victim(s) – provide address, age, school/daycare, etc. • Sibling(s) – provide address, age, school/daycare, etc. • Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Caregivers(s) – provide details on the victim’s parent or guardian • Alleged Offender – provide details about the alleged offender • Narrative Summary - You will also be asked to provide a brief summary of the incident you’re reporting. Be sure to include what happened, who did what and to whom, when and where the incident occurred, and any injuries sustained. Provide as much information with as much detail as you can.
For additional information, please visit:	https://mandatedreporter.arkansas.gov/

CALIFORNIA

Who must report?	An administrator or employee of a youth organization, an administrator or employee of a private organization whose duties require direct contact and supervision of children, and any athletic coach are required to report (among others). For a complete list of mandatory reporters, please see Cal. Penal Code § 11165.7 .
What must be reported?	Knowledge of or observation of a child whom the reporter knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse or neglect
What is child abuse?	Physical injury or death inflicted by other than accidental means upon a child by another person, sexual abuse, neglect, the willful harming or injuring of a child or the endangering of the person or health of a child, and unlawful corporal punishment or injury.

How to report?	<p>Contact the child protective services agency in the applicable county. A list of reporting telephone numbers by county can be found here: https://www.cdss.ca.gov/reporting/report-abuse/child-protective-services/report-child-abuse</p> <p>Within 36 hours of verbally reporting, each reporter should prepare and send a written follow-up report.</p>
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	<p>Contact the child protective services agency in the applicable county for additional information. A list of reporting telephone numbers by county can be found here: https://www.cdss.ca.gov/reporting/report-abuse/child-protective-services/report-child-abuse</p>
For additional information, please visit:	<p>https://www.cdss.ca.gov/reporting/report-abuse/child-protective-services</p>

COLORADO

Who must report?	<p>Anyone may report. A director, coach, assistant coach, or athletic program personnel employed by a private sports organization or program is required to report. “Employed” means that an individual is compensated beyond reimbursement for his or her expenses related to the private sports organization or program. For a complete list of mandatory reporters, please see here.</p>
What must be reported?	<p>Reasonable cause to know or suspect that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect or who has observed the child being subjected to circumstances or conditions that would reasonably result in abuse or neglect.</p>
What is child abuse?	<p>An act or omission that threatens the health or welfare of a child, including when a child is subjected to physical injury, neglect, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, institutional abuse, or trafficking.</p>
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	<p>When calling to report a concern, a call taker will gather the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A narrative regarding what the caller is worried about, including specifics about any injuries and impact on the child, • Information about the children, their family, and any support system they might have, • Information about the family’s culture, their preferred language, and how to contact them, • Any relevant information tied to safety, which includes safety of the child and safety for anyone responding to the allegation (this may include but is not limited to hazards in the home or the family’s access to weapons),

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact information for additional parties who may have witnessed abuse or neglect or have more information about the allegation, • Strengths of the family or additional protections in place. <p>Additional questions that may be asked can be found in Colorado's Information Gathering Guide.</p>
How to report?	Call 844-CO-4-KIDS
For additional information, please visit:	Colorado's Department of Human Services here .

CONNECTICUT

Who must report?	Any individual who is employed as a coach or director of a private youth sports organization, league or team and is eighteen years of age or older and any paid youth camp director, assistant director and staff member who is twenty-one years of age or older (among others) must report. For a complete list of mandatory reporters, please see Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 17a-101(b) .
What must be reported?	Reasonable cause to suspect or believe that any child under the age of eighteen years has been abused or neglected, has had nonaccidental physical injury, or injury which is at variance with the history given of such injury, inflicted upon such child, or is placed at imminent risk of serious harm.
What is child abuse?	A child who (A) has been inflicted with physical injury or injuries other than by accidental means, (B) has injuries that are at variance with the history given of them, or (C) is in a condition that is the result of maltreatment, including, but not limited to, malnutrition, sexual molestation or exploitation, deprivation of necessities, emotional maltreatment or cruel punishment.
How to report?	To make a child abuse or neglect report, call 1-800-842-2288.
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	<p>When making a report, a reporter is required to provide the following information, if known:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • names and addresses of the child and his parents or responsible caregiver(s) • child's age and gender • nature and extent of injury, maltreatment or neglect • approximate date and time the injury, maltreatment or neglect occurred • the circumstances in which the injuries, maltreatment or neglect became known to the reporter • previous injury, maltreatment or neglect of the child or siblings • name of the person suspected to have caused the injury, maltreatment or neglect • any action taken to treat or help the child

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> any other information the reporter believes would be helpful
For additional information, please visit:	https://portal.ct.gov/DCF/1-DCF/Reporting-Child-Abuse-and-Neglect

DELAWARE

Who must report?	Any person, agency, or organization.
What must be reported?	Knowledge or in good faith suspicion of child abuse or neglect, including human trafficking of a child.
What is child abuse?	A person causes or inflicts sexual abuse on a child; or has care, custody or control of a child, and causes or inflicts (1) physical injury through unjustified force; (2) emotional abuse; (3) torture; (4) exploitation; or (5) maltreatment or mistreatment.
How to report?	Call 800-292-9582 or report online: https://dscyfkids.my.site.com/ReporterPortal/s/
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reporter Details; Incident Details; Child Details; and Caretaker/Adult Details
For additional information, please visit:	https://kids.delaware.gov/family-services/child-abuse-and-neglect-reporting/

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Who must report?	An athletic coach is required to report (among others). For a complete list of mandatory reporters, please see D.C. Code § 4-1321.02 .
What must be reported?	A child that has been or is in immediate danger of being abused or is a neglected child.
What is child abuse?	Infliction of physical or mental injury, sexual abuse or exploitation, negligent treatment, or maltreatment of a child.
How to report?	Call (202) 671-SAFE or (202) 671-7233
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	<p>When you call, a trained hotline worker will ask you for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The name, address, age, and gender of the child. Who is caring for the child and whether other children live in the home. The nature and extent of the abuse or neglect, as you know it—and any previous abuse or neglect you know about. Any additional information that may be helpful.
For additional information, please visit:	The District of Columbia's Child and Family Services Agency's website here .

FLORIDA

Who is a mandatory reporter?	Everyone has a responsibility to report child abuse or neglect in Florida.
What must be reported?	Knowledge or reasonable cause to suspect child abuse, abandonment, or neglect by a parent or caregiver; child abuse by an adult other than a parent, legal custodian, caregiver, or other person responsible for the child's welfare; or reasonable cause to suspect that a child is the victim of sexual abuse or juvenile sexual abuse.
What is child abuse?	Any willful act or threatened act that results in any physical, mental, or sexual abuse, injury, or harm that causes or is likely to cause the child's physical, mental, or emotional health to be significantly impaired.
How to report?	Call hotline, report online or online via webchat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotline Number: 1-800-96-ABUSE • Online at: https://reportabuse.myflfamilies.com/s/
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporter name (this is required for professionally mandated reporters). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ View section 39.201, F.S., regarding Professionally Mandated Reporters for child reports. ○ View section 415.1034, F.S., regarding Professionally Mandated Reporters for adult reports. ○ Download the professionally mandated reporters packet. • Victim name, possible responsible person, or alleged perpetrator name(s). • Complete addresses for subjects, including a numbered street address, apartment or lot number, city, state, and zip code and/or directions to their location. • Telephone numbers, including area code. • Estimated or actual dates of birth. • Social Security numbers, if available. • A brief, yet concise, description of the abuse, neglect, abandonment, or exploitation, including physical, mental or sexual injuries, if any. • Names of other residents and their relationship to the victim(s), if available. • A brief description of the victim's disability or infirmity (required for vulnerable adults). • The relationship of the alleged perpetrator to the victim.

For additional information, please visit:	https://www.myflfamilies.com/services/abuse/abuse-hotline
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GEORGIA

Who must report?	For a complete list of mandatory reporters, please see here .
What must be reported?	Reasonable cause to believe that suspected child abuse has occurred.
What is child abuse?	Physical injury or death inflicted upon a child by a parent, guardian, legal custodian, or other person responsible for the care of such child by other than accidental means; neglect of a child by a parent, guardian, legal custodian, or other person responsible for the care of such child; emotional abuse of a child; sexual abuse or sexual exploitation of a child; prenatal abuse of a child by a parent; an act or failure to act that presents an imminent risk of serious harm to the child's physical, mental, or emotional health; or trafficking a child for labor servitude.
How to report?	Report by phone: 1-855-422-4453 Report by email: CPSIntake@DHS.GA.GOV Report by fax: 229-317-9663 Report online: https://cps.dhs.ga.gov/Main/Default.aspx .
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	For a list of questions that will be asked, please see here .
For additional information, please visit:	https://dfcs.georgia.gov/services/child-abuse-neglect

HAWAII

Who must report?	Employees of any private agency providing recreational or sports activities must report (among others). For a complete list of mandatory reporters, please see Haw. Rev. Stat. § 350.1.1 .
What must be reported?	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.
What is child abuse?	Acts or omissions of any person who, or legal entity which, is in any manner or degree related to the child, is residing with the child, or is otherwise responsible for the child's care, that have resulted in the physical or psychological health or welfare of the child, who is under the age of eighteen, to be harmed, or to be subject to any reasonably foreseeable, substantial risk of being harmed, including, but not limited to when the child has been the victim of sexual contact or conduct.

How to report?	Oahu – 808-832-5300 Toll Free Neighbor Islands – 1-888-380-3088 * NOTE: a written report must follow an oral report.
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and address of the child victim and his/her parents or other persons responsible for his/her care; • Child's birthdate or age; • Names and ages of other persons who live with the child and their relationship to the child if known; • Nature and extent of the child's abuse or neglect (including any evidence or indication of previous abuse or neglect); • Date, time, and location of incident; • Child's current location and condition; • Identity of the alleged perpetrator; • Whereabouts of the alleged perpetrator and any history if available; and • Any other information that may be helpful in determining the cause of abuse or neglect and whether or not there is a family member who can protect the child
For additional information, please visit:	https://www.hawaiicjc.org/signs-of-abuse

IDAHO

Who must report?	Everyone is required to report child abuse or neglect in Idaho.
What must be reported?	Reason to believe that a child under the age of eighteen (18) years has been abused, abandoned or neglected or who observes the child being subjected to conditions or circumstances that would reasonably result in abuse, abandonment or neglect.
What is child abuse?	Conduct or omission resulting in skin bruising, bleeding, malnutrition, burns, fracture of any bone, head injury, soft tissue swelling, failure to thrive or death, and such condition or death is not justifiably explained, or where the history given concerning such condition or death is at variance with the degree or type of such condition or death, or the circumstances indicate that such condition or death may not be the product of an accidental occurrence; or sexual conduct, including rape, molestation, incest, prostitution, obscene or pornographic photographing, filming or depiction for commercial purposes, human trafficking, or other similar forms of sexual exploitation harming or threatening the child's health or welfare or mental injury to the child.
How to report?	Call 855-552-KIDS (5437)

When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	<p>The social worker will guide you through the reporting process, but some common things to have ready include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child and family names, address, and phone number • Current location of the child and if they are in immediate danger • Description of any injury to the child and when and where the incident occurred • Names of people who may also have information • Explanation of your concerns regarding the child’s safety • Any additional information you have that may be helpful • Your name, address, phone number, and relationship to the child
For additional information, please visit:	https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/services-programs/children-families/child-and-family-services-and-foster-care/reporting-neglect

ILLINOIS

Who must report?	<p>Recreation or athletic program or facility personnel are required to report (among others). For a complete list of mandatory reporters, please see 325 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 5/4.</p>
What must be reported?	<p>Reasonable cause to believe that a child known to them may be an abused child or a neglected child.</p>
What is child abuse?	<p>A child whose parent or immediate family member, or any person responsible for the child's welfare, or any individual residing in the same home as the child, or a paramour of the child's parent:</p> <p>(a) inflicts, causes to be inflicted, or allows to be inflicted upon such child physical injury, by other than accidental means, which causes death, disfigurement, impairment of physical or emotional health, or loss or impairment of any bodily function; (b) creates a substantial risk of physical injury to such child by other than accidental means which would be likely to cause death, disfigurement, impairment of physical or emotional health, or loss or impairment of any bodily function; (c) commits or allows to be committed any sex offense against such child; (d) commits or allows to be committed an act or acts of torture upon such child; (e) inflicts excessive corporal punishment or, in the case of a person working for an agency who is prohibited from using corporal punishment, inflicts corporal punishment upon a child or adult resident with whom the person is working in the person's professional capacity; (f) commits or allows to be committed the offense of female genital mutilation; (g) causes to be sold, transferred, distributed, or given to such child under 18 years of age, a controlled substance; (h) commits or allows to be committed the offense of involuntary servitude, involuntary sexual servitude of a minor, or trafficking in persons; or (i) commits the offense of grooming.</p>

How to report?	Report it online at https://childabuse.illinois.gov . In an emergency, call the 24-hour Child Abuse Hotline at 800-25-ABUSE (800-252-2873).
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child's name, address and age. • The nature of the suspected abuse or neglect, including when and where it occurred. • The names of suspected perpetrators, if known, and their relationship to the child (parent, teacher, etc.). • Any other information you think may help.
For additional information, please visit:	Illinois's Department of Children and Family Services here .

INDIANA

Who must report?	Everyone has a responsibility to report child abuse or neglect in Indiana.
What must be reported?	Reason to believe that a child is a victim of child abuse or neglect.
What is child abuse?	<p>When a child's physical or mental condition is seriously impaired or seriously endangered as a result of the inability, refusal, or neglect of the child's parent, guardian, or custodian to supply the child with necessary food, clothing, shelter, medical care, education, or supervision:</p> <p>(A) when the parent, guardian, or custodian is financially able to do so; or (B) due to the failure, refusal, or inability of the parent, guardian, or custodian to seek financial or other reasonable means to do so; and</p> <p>The child needs care, treatment, or rehabilitation that:</p> <p>(A) the child is not receiving; and (B) is unlikely to be provided or accepted without the coercive intervention of the court.</p> <p>OR:</p> <p>A child is the victim of a sex offense, such as rape, criminal deviate conduct, child molesting, child exploitation, child seduction, sexual misconduct with a minor, public indecency/indecency exposure, prostitution, or incest.</p>
How to report?	Call 1-800-800-5556
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	<p>If you call to make a report, an intake specialist will ask for information about the circumstances creating a risk of harm to the child including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • who was involved • what occurred • when and where it occurred • the extent of any injuries sustained • any other relevant information

	You may be asked for detailed information including names, addresses and phone numbers for the child, parent or alleged perpetrator. Even if you are unable to provide all of the information, please contact the hotline to make a report if you suspect a child is a victim of abuse or neglect.
For additional information, please visit:	Indiana Department of Child Services here .

IOWA

Who must report?	For a complete list of mandatory reporters, please see Iowa Code § 232.69 .
What must be reported?	Child abuse.
What is child abuse?	<p>(1) Any nonaccidental physical injury, or injury which is at variance with the history given of it, suffered by a child as the result of the acts or omissions of a person responsible for the care of the child.</p> <p>(2) Any mental injury to a child's intellectual or psychological capacity as evidenced by an observable and substantial impairment in the child's ability to function within the child's normal range of performance and behavior as the result of the acts or omissions of a person responsible for the care of the child, if the impairment is diagnosed and confirmed by a licensed physician or qualified mental health professional;</p> <p>(3) The commission of a sexual offense with or to a child, as a result of the acts or omissions of the person responsible for the care of the child or of a person who is fourteen years of age or older and resides in a home with the child. The commission of a sexual offense includes any sexual offense with or to a person under the age of eighteen years;</p> <p>(4) (a) The failure on the part of a person responsible for the care of a child to provide for the adequate food, shelter, clothing, medical or mental health treatment, supervision, or other care necessary for the child's health and welfare when financially able to do so or when offered financial or other reasonable means to do so and the failure occurred within five years of a report;</p> <p>(5) The acts or omissions of a person responsible for the care of a child which allow, permit, or encourage the child to engage in acts prohibited acts;</p> <p>(6) An illegal drug is present in a child's body as a direct and foreseeable consequence of the acts or omissions of the person responsible for the care of the child;</p> <p>(7) The person responsible for the care of a child, in the presence of a child, unlawfully uses, possesses, manufactures, cultivates, or distributes a dangerous substance, or knowingly allows such use, possession, manufacture, cultivation, or distribution by another person in the presence of a child; possesses a product with the intent to use the product as a precursor or an</p>

	<p>intermediary to a dangerous substance in the presence of a child; or unlawfully uses, possesses, manufactures, cultivates, or distributes a dangerous substance, in a child's home, on the premises, or in a motor vehicle located on the premises and the incident occurred within five years of a report to the department.</p> <p>(8) The commission of bestiality in the presence of a minor by a person who resides in a home with a child, as a result of the acts or omissions of a person responsible for the care of the child;</p> <p>(9)(a) A person who is responsible for the care of a child knowingly allowing another person custody of, control over, or unsupervised access to a child under the age of fourteen or a child with a physical or mental disability, after knowing the other person is required to register or is on the sex offender registry; (10) The person responsible for the care of the child has knowingly allowed the child access to obscene material or has knowingly disseminated or exhibited such material to the child; (11) The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a child for the purpose of commercial sexual activity.</p> <p>See Iowa Code. § 232.68 for complete definition.</p>
How to report?	Call 800-362-2178
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	<p>Oral reports should contain the following information, if it is known:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The names and home address of the child and the child's parents or other persons believed to be responsible for the child's care. • The child's present whereabouts. • The child's age. • The allegation of child abuse, including the nature and extent of the child's injuries and any evidence of previous injuries. • What was heard or observed? • Who was involved? • Where did it happen? • When did it happen? • What actions have been taken? • The name, age, and condition of other children in the same household. • Any other information that you believe may be helpful in establishing the cause of the abuse or neglect to the child. • The identity of the person or persons responsible for the abuse or neglect to the child. • The name and address of the person making the report.
For additional information, please visit:	https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/CPS

KANSAS

Who must report?	For a complete list of mandatory reporters, please see Kan. Stat. Ann. § 38-2223.
What must be reported?	Reason to suspect that a child has been harmed as a result of physical, mental or emotional abuse or neglect or sexual abuse
What is child abuse?	A child without adequate parental care, control or subsistence and the condition is not due solely to the lack of financial means of the child's parents or other custodian; is without the care or control necessary for the child's physical, mental or emotional health; has been physically, mentally or emotionally abused or neglected or sexually abused; has been placed for care or adoption in violation of law; has been abandoned or does not have a known living parent; is not attending school as required by law court order, if the absence is without the consent of the person with whom the child is placed or, if the child is placed in a facility, without the consent of the person in charge of such facility or such person's designee; has been subjected to an act that would constitute human trafficking or aggravated human trafficking, or commercial sexual exploitation of a child, or has committed an act which would constitute selling sexual relations. See the full definition in Kan. Stat. Ann. § 38-2202.
How to report?	If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected in Kansas, contact the Kansas Protection Report Center (KPRC) at 1-800-922-5330.
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	For a list of questions you may be asked, please see here.
For additional information, please visit:	Kansas Department for Children and Families here.

KENTUCKY

Who must report?	Everyone has a responsibility to report child abuse or neglect in Kentucky.
What must be reported?	Any reasonable cause to believe that a child is dependent, neglected, or abused.
What is child abuse?	Child physical or emotional injury; a risk of physical or emotional injury; a pattern of conduct that renders the parent incapable of caring for the immediate and ongoing needs of the child; continuously or repeatedly failing or refusing to provide essential parental care and protection for the child; committing or allowing to be committed an act of sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, or prostitution upon the child; creating or allowing to be created a risk that an act of sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, or prostitution will be committed upon the child;

	<p>abandoning or exploiting the child; not providing the child with adequate care, supervision, food, clothing, shelter, and education or medical care necessary for the child's well-being when financially able to do so or offered financial or other means to do so; committing or allowing female genital mutilation to be committed; or</p> <p>A person twenty-one (21) years of age or older commits or allows to be committed an act of sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, or prostitution upon a child less than sixteen (16) years of age.</p> <p>For a complete definition, please see Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 600.020.</p>
How to report?	<p>To report child abuse and neglect call toll-free any of the numbers listed below.</p> <p>(877) 597-2331/(877) KYSAFE1 (800) 752-6200</p> <p>Report Online - non-emergency only</p>
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	<p>The following basic information is requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child's name, sex and approximate age • The name of the person believed to have been responsible for the abuse or neglect • A description of the injury, neglect or threatened harm to the child • The current location of the child such as day care, school or home address • Any immediate risk to the child or a worker going out to ensure the child's safety (i.e., guns) • The reporter's name and identifying information if the caller wishes to give that information. Anonymous reports are accepted and investigated.
For additional information, please visit:	<p>Kentucky's Cabinet for Health and Family Services here.</p>

LOUISIANA

Who must report?	<p>Any coach or any individual who provides such services to a child in a voluntary or professional capacity are required to report (among others). For a complete list of mandatory reporters, please see LSA-Ch.C. Art. 603.</p>
What must be reported?	<p>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.</p>
What is child abuse?	<p>Any one of the following acts that seriously endanger the physical, mental, or emotional health, welfare, and safety of the child:</p> <p>(a) The infliction, attempted infliction, or, as a result of inadequate supervision, the allowance of the infliction or attempted infliction of</p>

	<p>physical or mental injury upon the child by a parent or any other person.</p> <p>(b) The exploitation or overwork of a child by a parent or any other person, including but not limited to commercial sexual exploitation of the child.</p> <p>(c) The involvement of the child in any sexual act with a parent or any other person, or the aiding or toleration by the parent, caretaker, or any other person of the child's involvement in any of the following:</p> <p>(i) Any sexual act with any other person.</p> <p>(ii) Pornographic displays.</p> <p>(iii) Any sexual activity constituting a crime under the laws of this state.</p> <p>(d) A coerced abortion conducted upon a child.</p> <p>(e) Female genital mutilation of the child or of a sister of the child.</p>
How to report?	Call the DCFS Child Protection hotline at 1-855-4LA-KIDS (1-855-452-5437).
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying information for the family to include names, addresses, phone numbers, schools/daycares (if applicable). • Specific information about the reason for your report and as much information that you know about the alleged abuse/neglect, what lead up to the abuse/neglect, and how it came to your attention. • The location of the child. • How the child functions on a daily basis. • How the caretaker interacts and disciplines with the child. • How the caretaker functions in his or her daily life.
For additional information, please visit:	Louisiana's Department of Children & Family Services here .

MAINE

Who must report?	Any person who has assumed full, intermittent or occasional responsibility for the care or custody of the child, regardless of whether the person receives compensation (among others). For a complete list of mandatory reporters, please see Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 22 § 4011-A .
What must be reported?	Knowledge or reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been or is likely to be abused or neglected or that a suspicious child death has occurred
What is child abuse?	A threat to a child's health or welfare by physical, mental or emotional injury or impairment, sexual abuse or exploitation including or deprivation of essential needs, or lack of protection from these, by a person responsible for the child.

	See the full definition in Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 22, § 4002
How to report?	To report suspected child abuse and/or neglect call Intake 1-800-452-1999, if you are deaf or hard of hearing call 711 (Maine Relay).
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	Intake will ask for information including your name and contact information (you may ask to be confidential or anonymous, please ask the Intake caseworker the difference between these two options). Intake will also ask you for information regarding the family you are calling about including parent or guardian names, the names and ages of all children involved, the family's address and contact information, directions to the family's home if you have them, etc. You will also be asked to provide a description of the problem you are concerned about, your knowledge of any risk factors (such as, domestic violence, substance use, mental health issues, medical conditions, etc.), and any information about relatives of the family that you may be aware of. Keep in mind that Intake caseworkers are trained to gather the information needed to make a report, they will ask you questions to walk you through the reporting process. If you don't have the information they have requested but can get it you may ask to call back later and provide additional information.
For additional information, please visit:	Maine's Department of Health and Human Services here .

MARYLAND

Who must report?	Any person in the State of Maryland is required to report. Additionally, individuals with certain professions are required to report. For a complete list of mandatory reporters, please see MD Code Ann. Fam. Law § 5-704 .
What must be reported?	Reason to believe that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect
What is child abuse?	The physical or mental injury of a child under circumstances that indicate that the child's health or welfare is harmed or at substantial risk of being harmed by a parent; a household member or family member; a person who has permanent or temporary care or custody of the child; a person who has responsibility for supervision of the child; or a person who, because of the person's position or occupation, exercises authority over the child; or sexual abuse of a child, whether physical injuries are sustained or not.
How to report?	Call 1-800-91Prevent (1-800-917-7383)
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The name and home address of the child and the parent or other individual responsible for the care of the child; • The present location of the child; • The age of the child (or approximate age);

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Names and ages of other children in the home; • The nature and extent of injuries or sexual abuse or neglect of the child • Any information relayed by the individual making the report of previous possible physical or sexual abuse or neglect. • Information available to the individual reporting that might aid in establishing the cause of the injury or neglect; • The identity of the individual or individuals responsible for abuse or neglect
For additional information, please visit:	https://dhs.maryland.gov/child-protective-services/reporting-suspected-child-abuse-or-neglect/

MASSACHUSETTS

Who must report?	For a complete list of mandatory reporters, please see here .
What must be reported?	Reasonable cause to believe that a child is suffering physical or emotional injury resulting from: (i) abuse inflicted upon him which causes harm or substantial risk of harm to the child's health or welfare, including sexual abuse; (ii) neglect, including malnutrition; (iii) physical dependence upon an addictive drug at birth, shall immediately communicate with the department orally and, within 48 hours, shall file a written report with the department detailing the suspected abuse or neglect; or (iv) being a sexually exploited child; or (v) being a human trafficking victim
What is child abuse?	See above.
How to report?	During regular business hours (8:45 a.m.-5 p.m. M-F) call the Department of Families and Children (DCF) area office that serves the city or town where the child lives. Nights, weekends, and holidays dial the Child-at-Risk Hotline at (800) 792-5200. You should also provide a written report within 48 hours of your oral report.
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	You can find the information requested here .
For additional information, please visit:	https://www.mass.gov/how-to/report-child-abuse-or-neglect

MICHIGAN

Who must report?	For a complete list of mandatory reporters, see M.C.L.A. § 722.623 .
What must be reported?	Reasonable cause to suspect child abuse or child neglect
What is child abuse?	Harm or threatened harm to a child's health or welfare that occurs through nonaccidental physical or mental injury, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, or maltreatment, by a parent, a legal guardian, any other person responsible for the child's health or welfare, a teacher, a teacher's aide, a member of the clergy, or an individual 18 years of age or older who is involved with a youth program.
How to report?	Make a report to Children's Protective Services by calling 855-444-3911
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child's primary caretaker, including name and address. • Names and birth dates for all members of the household. • Name and birth date of the alleged perpetrator(s). • Whether the alleged perpetrator lives with the child. • Address where the alleged abuse or neglect occurred. • What makes the mandated reporter suspect the child is being abused or neglected.
For additional information, please visit:	Michigan's Department of Health and Human Services here .

MINNESOTA

Who must report?	For a complete list of mandatory reporters, see Minn. Stat. Ann. § 626.556 .
What must be reported?	A person who knows or has reason to believe a child is being maltreated or has been maltreated within the preceding three years.
What is child maltreatment?	Any of the following acts or omissions: (1) egregious harm; (2) neglect; (3) physical abuse; (4) sexual abuse; (5) substantial child endangerment; (6) threatened injury; (7) mental injury; and (8) maltreatment of a child in a facility.
How to report?	To report concerns about child abuse, neglect or sexual abuse, contact the county or reservation where the child lives during business hours. If the child is in immediate risk of harm, please contact the local law enforcement agency or dial 911.

	A list of county and tribal child protection agencies in Minnesota can be found here .
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	When filing a report, mandated reporters should be prepared to provide information about the family, which should include names and addresses of child/ren and their parents or guardians. Reporters should also be prepared to provide specific descriptions of suspected maltreatment. For example - what happened, when it occurred, and identity of alleged offender/s.
For additional information, please visit:	https://mn.gov/dhs/report-abuse/

MISSISSIPPI

Who must report?	Everyone has a responsibility to report child abuse or neglect.
What must be reported?	Reasonable cause to suspect that a child is a neglected child, an abused child, or a victim of commercial sexual exploitation or human trafficking
What is an abused child?	A child whose parent, guardian or custodian or any person responsible for his care or support, whether legally obligated to do so or not, has caused or allowed to be caused, upon the child, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, commercial sexual exploitation, emotional abuse, mental injury, nonaccidental physical injury or other maltreatment. However, physical discipline, including spanking, performed on a child by a parent, guardian or custodian in a reasonable manner shall not be deemed abuse under this section. "Abused child" also means a child who is or has been trafficked, without regard to the relationship of the person to the child.
How to report?	Report online: https://reportabuse.mdcps.ms.gov/ Alternatively, call: (800) 222-8000
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	The Intake Specialist answering your call will ask questions to collect pertinent information related to the child's identity and household members, a full address for the family, and details related to the alleged maltreatment of the child. You may be asked questions pertaining to the following. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In situations where a parent's behavior is described or a situation of risk exists in the child's home, you may be asked to further describe the harm to the child. • Your contact information so that the assigned staff responding to the situation will be able to reach you. • Whether the person responsible for causing the child's maltreatment is a parent/caregiver or how the person is responsible for the child being maltreated. • If a child has an injury, you will be asked the details and extent of the injury and what details are known about how, when, and where the injury occurred.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any information regarding previous maltreatment. • Any other persons who might be able to provide information related to the child's maltreatment. • The primary language spoken by the family and whether the family is of Native American heritage. • If there are any known dangers for the child protection staff visiting the home. • The general functioning of family members and whether the children in the home have any specific special needs. • The child's current location and whether the child is currently being cared for safely by caregivers or whether the child is in imminent threat of harm. • Information on relatives or others close to the family who can assist in the child's safe care or help reduce the threat of future harm to the child.
For additional information, please visit:	https://www.mdcp.ms.gov/programs/reporting-child-abuse-and-neglect

MISSOURI

Who must report?	Any person with responsibility for the care of children (among others). For a complete list of mandatory reporters, see Mo. Rev. Stat. § 210.115 .
What must be reported?	Reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been or may be subjected to abuse or neglect or observations of a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances which would reasonably result in abuse or neglect...
What is child abuse?	Any physical injury, sexual abuse, or emotional abuse inflicted on a child other than by accidental means by those responsible for the child's care, custody, and control, except that discipline including spanking, administered in a reasonable manner, shall not be construed to be abuse. Victims of abuse shall also include any victims of sex trafficking or severe forms of trafficking.
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	<p>When making a report, be sure to have the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of the child • Name of the parent(s) • Name of the alleged abuser • Where the child can be located <p>You will also be asked to describe your concerns and for any other helpful information you can provide.</p>
How to report?	<p>By calling hotline or setting up an online account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotline Number: 1-800-392-3738

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online: https://apps.dss.mo.gov/OnlineCanReporting/default.aspx
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MONTANA

Who must report?	For a complete list of mandatory reporters, see Mont. Code Ann. § 41-3-201 .
What must be reported?	Knowledge or reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused or neglected by anyone regardless of whether the person suspected of causing the abuse or neglect is a parent or other person responsible for the child's welfare
What is child abuse?	<p>“Child abuse or neglect” means:</p> <p>(i) actual physical or psychological harm to a child;</p> <p>(ii) substantial risk of physical or psychological harm to a child; or</p> <p>(iii) abandonment.</p> <p>(b)(i) The term includes:</p> <p>(A) actual physical or psychological harm to a child or substantial risk of physical or psychological harm to a child by the acts or omissions of a person responsible for the child's welfare;</p> <p>(B) exposing a child to the criminal distribution of dangerous drugs, the criminal production or manufacture of dangerous drugs, or the operation of an unlawful clandestine laboratory; or</p> <p>(C) any form of child sex trafficking or human trafficking.</p>
How to report?	To report a possible case of child abuse or neglect, call toll-free 1 (866) 820-5437.
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	Information regarding the child, the perpetrators, and your concerns. Call 1 (866) 820-5437 for additional information.
For additional information, please visit:	https://dphhs.mt.gov/cfsd/

NEBRASKA

Who must report?	Everyone has a responsibility to report child abuse or neglect in Nebraska.
What must be reported?	Reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subjected to child abuse or neglect or observes such child being subjected to conditions or circumstances which reasonably would result in child abuse or neglect
What is child abuse?	<p>A person commits child abuse if he or she knowingly, intentionally, or negligently causes or permits a minor child to be:</p> <p>(a) Placed in a situation that endangers his or her life or physical or mental health; (b) Cruelly confined or cruelly punished; (c) Deprived of necessary food, clothing, shelter, or care; (d) Placed in a situation to be sexually exploited through sex trafficking of a minor or by allowing,</p>

	encouraging, or forcing such minor child to engage in debauchery, public indecency, or obscene or pornographic photography, films, or depictions; (e) Placed in a situation to be sexually abused as defined in section 28-319 , 28-319.01 , or 28-320.01 ; or (f) Placed in a situation to be a trafficking victim.
How to report?	Call the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at: (800) 652-1999
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	<p>Family Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide as much information as you can about the alleged victim(s)—the child(ren)—and the people in their household. • Give the Hotline Worker the address, if you can. • It helps if you can provide first and last names of the child(ren), their ages (or birthdates) and the school(s) they attend, if you know. • It helps if you can name anyone else who lives in the home with the child(ren)—parent(s), step-parent(s), grandparent(s), aunts or uncles or other adults--and provide their age(s) and phone number(s). • If you know them, provide the full name(s) and address(es) of any non-custodial parent(s). <p>The concerns you have</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe what is going on and what you are concerned about. • Describe how the children are unsafe. • Describe the specific incident(s) you are concerned about, with as much detail as possible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Where it happened. ○ When it happened. ○ Who was there. • Describe any signs of physical abuse such as marks or bruises. • Describe any illegal drug use or misuse of prescription drugs and how it makes the child(ren) unsafe. • If there is domestic violence occurring between adults, describe if there has been an injury as a result of the domestic violence. • Describe how the children have been affected.
For additional information, please visit:	Nebraska’s Department of Health and Human Services here .

NEVADA

Who must report?	Any adult person who is employed by an entity that provides organized activities for children (among others). For a complete list of mandatory reporters, see Nev. Rev. Stat. § 432B.220 .
What must be reported?	Reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused or neglected
What is child abuse?	<p>“Abuse or neglect of a child” means, except as otherwise provided in subsection 2:</p> <p>(a) Physical or mental injury of a nonaccidental nature;</p> <p>(b) Sexual abuse or sexual exploitation; or</p> <p>(c) Negligent treatment or maltreatment</p> <p>of a child caused or allowed by a person responsible for the welfare of the child under circumstances which indicate that the child's health or welfare is harmed or threatened with harm.</p>
How to report?	<p>You must call the hotline number or file an online report for the region in which the alleged abuse occurred:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clark County (Las Vegas/Henderson) – 702-399-0081 or online at: https://redrock.clarkcountynv.gov/dfswebform • Washoe County (Reno/Sparks) – 833-900-SAFE • All Other Counties: 833-571-1041
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	Information regarding the child, the perpetrators, and your concerns. Call for additional information.
For additional information, please visit:	Nevada’s Department of Health & Human Services Division of Child & Family Services here .

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Who must report?	Everyone has a responsibility to report child abuse or neglect.
What must be reported?	Reason to suspect that a child has been abused or neglected.
What is child abuse?	<p>“Abused child” means any child who has been:</p> <p>(a) Sexually abused; or</p> <p>(b) Intentionally physically injured; or</p> <p>(c) Psychologically injured so that said child exhibits symptoms of emotional problems generally recognized to result from consistent mistreatment or neglect; or</p> <p>(d) Physically injured by other than accidental means; or</p> <p>(e) Subjected, by any person, to human trafficking; or</p> <p>(f) Subjected to an act prohibited by law.</p>

How to report?	<p>You must call the Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) Central Intake Unit at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 603-271-6562 • 800-894-5533 (in-state only)
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	<p>When you contact DCYF you'll be asked for some information. It would be helpful if you can provide the following. You may not have all the answers, but you can and should still call in your concern.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The name, address, sex, and estimated age of the child and any other children at the home • The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the adults who are responsible for the child • The full nature and extent of the child's injuries, maltreatment, or neglect • Any information about previous injuries, abuse, maltreatment or neglect • How great a risk you believe this may be to the child • How you learned of this situation • Any action that has been taken to treat or assist the child • Family's strengths and resources • Any other information that could be helpful in determining the cause of the injuries • A written report may be requested by DCYF within 48 hours.
For additional information, please visit:	<p>New Hampshire's Department of Health & Human Services here.</p>

NEW JERSEY

Who must report?	<p>Everyone has a responsibility to report child abuse or neglect.</p>
What must be reported?	<p>Reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subjected to child abuse, including sexual abuse, or acts of child abuse.</p>
What is child abuse?	<p>Abuse of a child shall consist in any of the following acts: (a) disposing of the custody of a child contrary to law; (b) employing or permitting a child to be employed in any vocation or employment injurious to its health or dangerous to its life or limb, or contrary to the laws of this State; (c) employing or permitting a child to be employed in any occupation, employment or vocation dangerous to the morals of such child; (d) the habitual use by the parent or by a person having the custody and control of a child, in the hearing of such child, of profane, indecent or obscene language; (e) the performing of any indecent, immoral or unlawful act or deed, in the presence of a child, that may tend to debauch or endanger or degrade the morals of the child; (f) permitting or allowing any other person to perform any indecent, immoral or unlawful act in the presence of the child that may tend to</p>

	debauch or endanger the morals of such child; (g) using excessive physical restraint on the child under circumstances which do not indicate that the child's behavior is harmful to himself, others or property; or (h) in an institution, willfully isolating the child from ordinary social contact under circumstances which indicate emotional or social deprivation.
How to report?	Call 1-877 NJ ABUSE (1-877-652-2873).
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	Whenever possible, a caller should provide all of the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Who: The child and parent/caregiver's name, age and address and the name of the alleged perpetrator and that person's relationship to the child. ○ What: Type and frequency of alleged abuse/neglect, current or previous injuries to the child and what caused you to become concerned. ○ When: When the alleged abuse/neglect occurred and when you learned of it. ○ Where: Where the incident occurred, where the child is now and whether the alleged perpetrator has access to the child. ○ How: How urgent the need is for intervention and whether there is a likelihood of imminent danger for the child.
For additional information, please visit:	State of New Jersey's Department of Children and Families here .

NEW MEXICO

Who must report?	Everyone has a responsibility to report child abuse or neglect.
What must be reported?	Knowledge or reasonable suspicion that a child is an abused or a neglected child.
What is child abuse?	<p>"Abused child" means a child:</p> <p>(1) who has suffered or who is at risk of suffering serious harm because of the action or inaction of the child's parent, guardian or custodian;</p> <p>(2) who has suffered physical abuse, emotional abuse or psychological abuse inflicted or caused by the child's parent, guardian or custodian;</p> <p>(3) who has suffered sexual abuse or sexual exploitation inflicted by the child's parent, guardian or custodian;</p> <p>(4) whose parent, guardian or custodian has knowingly, intentionally or negligently placed the child in a situation that may endanger the child's life or health; or</p> <p>(5) whose parent, guardian or custodian has knowingly or intentionally tortured, cruelly confined or cruelly punished the child.</p>
How to report?	Call 1-855-333-SAFE
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	Information regarding the child, the perpetrators, and your concerns. Call 1-855-333-SAFE for additional information.

For additional information, please visit:	State of New Mexico’s Children, Youth & Families Department here .
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NEW YORK

Who must report?	For a complete list of mandatory reporters, see N.Y. Soc. Serv. § 413 .
What must be reported?	Reasonable cause to suspect that a child coming before them in their professional or official capacity is an abused or maltreated child, or when they have reasonable cause to suspect that a child is an abused or maltreated child where the parent, guardian, custodian or other person legally responsible for such child comes before them in their professional or official capacity and states from personal knowledge facts, conditions or circumstances which, if correct, would render the child an abused or maltreated child.
What is child abuse?	<p>“Abused child” means a child less than eighteen years of age whose parent or other person legally responsible for his care</p> <p>(i) inflicts or allows to be inflicted upon such child physical injury by other than accidental means which causes or creates a substantial risk of death, or serious or protracted disfigurement, or protracted impairment of physical or emotional health or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ, or</p> <p>(ii) creates or allows to be created a substantial risk of physical injury to such child by other than accidental means which would be likely to cause death or serious or protracted disfigurement, or protracted impairment of physical or emotional health or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ, or other commits or allows to be committed certain offenses described by New York law.</p> <p>See N.Y. Fam. Ct. Act § 1012.</p>
How to report?	If the child/youth is in immediate danger, call or text 911. Otherwise, call 311 in NYC or the New York State Central Register (SCR) directly at 1-800-342-3720.
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	Information regarding the child, the perpetrators, and your concerns. There may be times when you have very little information on which to base your suspicion of abuse or maltreatment, but this should not prevent you from calling the SCR. A trained specialist at the SCR will help to determine if the information you are providing can be registered as a report.
For additional information, please visit:	https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/cps/

NORTH CAROLINA

Who must report?	Everyone has a responsibility to report child abuse or neglect.
What must be reported?	Cause to suspect that any juvenile is abused, neglected, or dependent (in need of assistance because the child has no parent or guardian or his parent or guardian is unable to care for or supervise him), or has died as the result of maltreatment.
What is child abuse?	<p>Any juvenile less than 18 years of age (i) who is found to be a minor victim of human trafficking or (ii) whose parent, guardian, custodian, or caretaker:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Inflicts or allows to be inflicted upon the juvenile a serious physical injury by other than accidental means; Creates or allows to be created a substantial risk of serious physical injury to the juvenile by other than accidental means; Uses or allows to be used upon the juvenile cruel or grossly inappropriate procedures or cruel or grossly inappropriate devices to modify behavior; Commits, permits, or encourages the commission of a violation of the laws by the juvenile; Creates or allows to be created serious emotional damage to the juvenile; serious emotional damage is evidenced by a juvenile's severe anxiety, depression, withdrawal, or aggressive behavior toward himself or others; Encourages, directs, or approves of delinquent acts involving moral turpitude committed by the juvenile; or Commits or allows to be committed an offense of human trafficking, involuntary servitude, or sexual servitude against the child. <p>See N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 7B-101 for full definition.</p>
How to report?	To report suspected child maltreatment, contact a county department of Social Services .
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	<p>The report should include as much of the following as the person making the report knows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the child's name, age, and address; the name and address of the child's parent, guardian, custodian, or caretaker; the names and ages of other children in the home; the child's location if the child is not at the home address; the nature and extent of any injury or condition resulting from abuse, neglect, or dependency; and any other information that might help establish the need for protective services or court intervention.
For additional information, please visit:	The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services here .

NORTH DAKOTA

Who must report?	For a complete list of mandatory reporters, please see N.D. Cent Code § 50-25.1-03.
What must be reported?	Knowledge of or reasonable cause to suspect a child is abused or neglected, or has died as a result of abuse or neglect
What is child abuse?	<p>“Abused child” means an individual under the age of eighteen years who is suffering from abuse caused by a person responsible for the child's welfare and includes a sexually abused child who is suffering from or was subjected to any act in violation of the law.</p> <p>For a full definition, please see N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 14-09-22.</p>
How to report?	A person mandated to report, or any person wanting to report suspected child abuse or neglect, should call 1-833-958-3500, North Dakota's NEW toll-free Child Abuse & Neglect Reporting Line.
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	See here.
For additional information, please visit:	North Dakota’s Department of Health and Human Services here.

OHIO

Who must report?	For a complete list of mandatory reporters, please see Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2151.421.
What must be reported?	Reasonable cause to suspect based on facts that would cause a reasonable person in a similar position to suspect, that a child under eighteen years of age, or a person under twenty-one years of age with a developmental disability or physical impairment, 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
What is child abuse?	A child who (A) is the victim of “sexual activity”, where such activity would constitute violation of law; (B) Is the victim of disseminating, obtaining, or displaying “materials” or “performances” that are “harmful to juveniles”; (C) Is endangered; (D) Exhibits evidence of any physical or mental injury or death, inflicted other than by accidental means, or an injury or death which is at variance with the history given of it; (E) Because of the acts of the child's parents, guardian, custodian, or caretaker, suffers physical or mental injury that harms or threatens to harm the child's health or welfare; (F) Is subjected to out-of-home care child abuse.

	For a full definition, see Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2151.031.
How to report?	The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services has launched 855-O-H-CHILD (855-642-4453), an automated telephone directory that will link callers directly to a child welfare or law enforcement office in their county.
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name and address of the child you suspect is being abused or neglected; 2. The age of the child; 3. The name and address of the parents or caretakers; 4. The name of the person you suspect is abusing or neglecting the child and the address if available; 5. The reason you suspect the child is being abuse and neglected; 6. Any other information which may be helpful to the investigation; and 7. You have the option of giving your name or reporting anonymously. Giving your name can help the investigator clarify information. The agency will not give your name to the person suspected of abusing the child. <p><i>Please Note: All of the above information is not needed to make a report. If you are not sure you have enough information to report, always err on the safety of the child. Children Services screens all reports to determine if there is enough information to investigate.</i></p>
For additional information, please visit:	Ohio's Department of Job & Family Services here .

OKLAHOMA

Who must report?	Everyone has a responsibility to report child abuse or neglect.
What must be reported?	Reason to believe that a child under the age of eighteen (18) years is a victim of abuse or neglect.
What is child abuse?	Harm or threatened harm to the health, safety, or welfare of a child by a person responsible for the child's health, safety, or welfare, including but not limited to nonaccidental physical or mental injury, sexual abuse, or sexual exploitation.
How to report?	Reports can be made at any time to the DHS Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 1-800-522-3511.
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	Information regarding the child, the perpetrators, and your concerns. For additional information, please call 1-800-522-3511.
For additional information, please visit:	Oklahoma Human Services here .

OREGON

Who must report?	For a complete list of mandatory reporters, please see Or. Rev. Stat. § 419B.010 .
What must be reported?	Reasonable cause to believe that any child has suffered abuse or that any person with whom the official comes in contact has abused a child.
What is child abuse?	<p>“Abuse” means:</p> <p>(A) Any assault of a child and any physical injury to a child that has been caused by other than accidental means, including any injury that appears to be at variance with the explanation given of the injury.</p> <p>(B) Any mental injury to a child, which shall include only cruel or unconscionable acts or statements made, or threatened to be made, to a child if the acts, statements or threats result in severe harm to the child's psychological, cognitive, emotional or social well-being and functioning.</p> <p>(C) Rape of a child, which includes but is not limited to rape, sodomy, unlawful sexual penetration and incest;</p> <p>(D) Sexual abuse;</p> <p>(E) Sexual exploitation;</p> <p>(F) Negligent treatment or maltreatment of a child, including but not limited to the failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter or medical care that is likely to endanger the health or welfare of the child.</p> <p>(G) Threatened harm to a child, which means subjecting a child to a substantial risk of harm to the child's health or welfare.</p> <p>(H) Buying or selling a person under 18 years of age;</p> <p>(I) Permitting a person under 18 years of age to enter or remain in or upon premises where methamphetamines are being manufactured;</p> <p>(J) Unlawful exposure to a controlled substance that subjects a child to a substantial risk of harm to the child's health or safety.</p> <p>(K) The restraint or seclusion of a child in violation of law;</p> <p>(L) The infliction of corporal punishment on a child in violation of law.</p> <p>For full definition, see Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 419B.005.</p>
How to report?	Call 855-503-SAFE (7233)
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name, date of birth or age for all adults and children involved • A description of the abuse, including whether the child has current injuries • Alleged perpetrator’s name, location and access to the child • Whether the child has Native American or Alaska Native heritage • Telephone numbers, including area code • Any cultural or language considerations, race and ethnicity

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addresses, directions or other means to locate the individuals of concern • Additional information related to family functioning, resources and supports • Detailed observations and statements made by the child or others • If applicable, a description of the child’s disability or any special needs
For additional information, please visit:	Oregon’s Department of Human Services here .

PENNSYLVANIA

Who must report?	An individual paid or unpaid, who, on the basis of the individual's role as an integral part of a regularly scheduled program, activity or service, is a person responsible for the child's welfare or has direct contact with children (among others). For a complete list of mandatory reporters, please see 23 PA. Cons. Stat. Ann. § 6311 .
What must be reported?	Reasonable cause to suspect that a child is a victim of child abuse
Important Definitions	<p>The term “child abuse” shall mean intentionally, knowingly or recklessly doing any of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Causing bodily injury to a child through any recent act or failure to act. (2) Fabricating, feigning or intentionally exaggerating or inducing a medical symptom or disease which results in a potentially harmful medical evaluation or treatment to the child through any recent act. (3) Causing or substantially contributing to serious mental injury to a child through any act or failure to act or a series of such acts or failures to act. (4) Causing sexual abuse or exploitation of a child through any act or failure to act. (5) Creating a reasonable likelihood of bodily injury to a child through any recent act or failure to act. (6) Creating a likelihood of sexual abuse or exploitation of a child through any recent act or failure to act. (7) Causing serious physical neglect of a child. (8) Engaging in any of the following recent acts: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Kicking, biting, throwing, burning, stabbing or cutting a child in a manner that endangers the child. (ii) Unreasonably restraining or confining a child, based on consideration of the method, location or the duration of the restraint or confinement. (iii) Forcefully shaking a child under one year of age. (iv) Forcefully slapping or otherwise striking a child under one year of age. (v) Interfering with the breathing of a child. (vi) Causing a child to be present at a location while a violation of 18 Pa.C.S. § 7508.2 (relating to operation of methamphetamine laboratory) is

	<p>occurring, provided that the violation is being investigated by law enforcement.</p> <p>(vii) Leaving a child unsupervised with an individual, other than the child's parent, who the actor knows or reasonably should have known:</p> <p>(A) Is required to register as a Tier II or Tier III sexual offender under 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 97 Subch. H (relating to registration of sexual offenders),¹² where the victim of the sexual offense was under 18 years of age when the crime was committed.</p> <p>(B) Has been determined to be a sexually violent predator under 42 Pa.C.S. § 9799.24 (relating to assessments) or any of its predecessors.</p> <p>(C) Has been determined to be a sexually violent delinquent child as defined in 42 Pa.C.S. § 9799.12 (relating to definitions).</p> <p>(D) Has been determined to be a sexually violent predator under 42 Pa.C.S. § 9799.58 (relating to assessments) or has to register for life under 42 Pa.C.S. § 9799.55(b) (relating to registration).</p> <p>(9) Causing the death of the child through any act or failure to act.</p> <p>(10) Engaging a child in a severe form of trafficking in persons or sex trafficking, as those terms are defined under section 103 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (114 Stat. 1466, 22 U.S.C. § 7102).</p> <p>For the full definition, see 23 Pa. Stat. and Cons. Stat. Ann. § 6303</p>
How to report?	<p>You must call the hotline number or file an online report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotline Number: 1-800-932-0313 • Online: https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	<p>When making a report of suspected child abuse or general child well-being concerns, it is important to provide as much information as possible. The below list will give you a general idea of what information our trained specialists will ask you for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and physical description of the child • Age or approximate age range of the child • Name, home address, and telephone number of legal guardian or parent of the child • Name or physical description of suspected child abuse perpetrator • Home address and telephone number of suspected child abuse perpetrator • Suspected perpetrator's relationship to the child • Description of the suspected injury to the child • Where the incident took place • Any concern for the child's immediate safety • Your relationship to the child • Your contact information, although you may report anonymously if you are a permissive reporter

For additional information, please visit:	https://www.dhs.pa.gov/KeepKidsSafe/Pages/Report-Abuse.aspx
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RHODE ISLAND

Who must report?	Everyone has a responsibility to report child abuse or neglect.
What must be reported?	Any person who has reasonable cause to know or suspect that any child has been abused or neglected, or has been a victim of sexual abuse by another child.
What is child abuse?	<p>“Abused or neglected child” means a child whose physical or mental health or welfare is harmed, or threatened with harm, when his or her parent or other person responsible for his or her welfare:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Inflicts, or allows to be inflicted, upon the child physical or mental injury, including excessive corporal punishment; or (ii) Creates, or allows to be created, a substantial risk of physical or mental injury to the child, including excessive corporal punishment; or (iii) Commits, or allows to be committed, against the child an act of sexual abuse; or (iv) Fails to supply the child with adequate food, clothing, shelter, or medical care, though financially able to do so or offered financial or other reasonable means to do so; or (v) Fails to provide the child with a minimum degree of care or proper supervision or guardianship because of his or her unwillingness or inability to do so by situations or conditions such as, but not limited to: social problems, mental incompetency, or the use of a drug, drugs, or alcohol to the extent that the parent or other person responsible for the child's welfare loses his or her ability or is unwilling to properly care for the child; or (vi) Abandons or deserts the child; or (vii) Sexually exploits the child in that the person allows, permits, or encourages the child to engage in prostitution; or (viii) Sexually exploits the child in that the person allows, permits, encourages, or engages in the obscene or pornographic photographing, filming, or depiction of the child in a setting that, taken as a whole, suggests to the average person that the child is about to engage in, or has engaged in, any sexual act, or that depicts any such child under eighteen (18) years of age performing sodomy, oral copulation, sexual intercourse, masturbation, or bestiality; or (ix) Commits, or allows to be committed, any sexual offense against the child; or (x) Commits, or allows to be committed, against any child an act involving sexual penetration or sexual contact if the child is under fifteen (15) years of age; or if the child is fifteen (15) years or older, and (1) force or coercion is used by the perpetrator, or (2) the

	<p>perpetrator knows, or has reason to know, that the victim is a severely impaired person, or physically helpless.</p> <p>For the full definition, see 40 R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 40-11-2.</p>
How to report?	Call 1-800-RI-CHILD (1-800-742-4453).
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	Information regarding the child, the perpetrators, and your concerns. For additional information, please call 1-800-742-4453.
For additional information, please visit:	State of Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth & Families here .

SOUTH CAROLINA

Who must report?	For a complete list of mandatory reporters, please see S.C. Code Ann. § 63-7-310 .
What must be reported?	Reason to believe that a child has been or may be abused or neglected.
What is child abuse?	<p>The parent, guardian, or other person responsible for the child's welfare:</p> <p>(i) inflicts or allows to be inflicted upon the child physical or mental injury or engages in acts or omissions which present a substantial risk of physical or mental injury to the child;</p> <p>(ii) commits or allows to be committed against the child a sexual offense or engages in acts or omissions that present a substantial risk that a sexual offense would be committed against the child;</p> <p>(iii) fails to supply the child with adequate food, clothing, shelter, or education, supervision appropriate to the child's age and development, or health care though financially able to do so or offered financial or other reasonable means to do so and the failure to do so has caused or presents a substantial risk of causing physical or mental injury.</p> <p>(iv) abandons the child;</p> <p>(v) encourages, condones, or approves the commission of delinquent acts by the child including, but not limited to, sexual trafficking or exploitation, and the commission of the acts are shown to be the result of the encouragement, condonation, or approval;</p> <p>(vi) commits or allows to be committed against the child female genital mutilation or engages in acts or omissions that present a substantial risk that the crime of female genital mutilation would be committed against the child; or</p> <p>(vii) has committed abuse or neglect as described in (i) through (vi) such that a child who subsequently becomes part of the person's household is at substantial risk of one of those forms of abuse or neglect; or</p> <p>A child is a victim of trafficking.</p>

	For a full definition, please see S.C. Code Ann. § 63-7-20.
How to report?	To report suspected child abuse or neglect, contact the SCDSS 24-hour, toll-free hotline at 1-888-CARE4US or 1-888-227-3487. This hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can also report online at: https://benefitsportal.dss.sc.gov/#/ran/home
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	Please see here .
For additional information, please visit:	South Carolina's Department of Social Services here .

SOUTH DAKOTA

Who must report?	For a complete list of mandatory reporters, please see S.D. Codified Laws § 26-8A-3 .
What must be reported?	Reasonable cause to suspect that a child under the age of eighteen has been abused or neglected.
What is child abuse?	abused or neglected child, means a child: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Whose parent, guardian, or custodian has abandoned the child or has subjected the child to mistreatment or abuse; (2) Who lacks proper parental care through the actions or omissions of the child's parent, guardian, or custodian; (3) Whose environment is injurious to the child's welfare; (4) Whose parent, guardian, or custodian fails or refuses to provide proper or necessary subsistence, supervision, education, medical care, or any other care necessary for the child's health, guidance, or well-being; (5) Who is homeless, without proper care, or not domiciled with the child's parent, guardian, or custodian through no fault of the child's parent, guardian, or custodian; (6) Who is threatened with substantial harm; (7) Who has sustained emotional harm or mental injury as indicated by an injury to the child's intellectual or psychological capacity evidenced by an observable and substantial impairment in the child's ability to function within the child's normal range of performance and behavior, with due regard to the child's culture; (8) Who is subject to sexual abuse, sexual molestation, or sexual exploitation, by the child's parent, guardian, custodian, or any other person responsible for the child's care; (9) Who was subject to prenatal exposure to abusive use of alcohol, marijuana, or any controlled drug or substance not lawfully prescribed by a practitioner; or

	(10) Whose parent, guardian, or custodian knowingly exposes the child to an environment that is being used for the manufacture, use, or distribution of methamphetamines or any other unlawfully manufactured controlled drug or substance.
How to report?	To report child abuse or neglect, call 877.244.0864. Intake Specialists will be available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. If reporting an emergency situation before 8 a.m., after 5 p.m., on the weekends, or during a holiday, please contact local law enforcement.
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	Information regarding the child, the perpetrators, and your concerns. For additional information, please call 877.244.0864.
For additional information, please visit:	https://dss.sd.gov/childprotection/

TENNESSEE

Who must report?	Everyone has a responsibility to report child abuse or neglect.
What must be reported?	Knowledge of or is called upon to render aid to any child who is suffering from or has sustained any wound, injury, disability, or physical or mental condition shall report such harm immediately if the harm is of such a nature as to reasonably indicate that it has been caused by brutality, abuse or neglect or that, on the basis of available information, reasonably appears to have been caused by brutality, abuse or neglect.
What is child abuse?	“Abuse” exists when a person under the age of eighteen (18) is suffering from, has sustained, or may be in immediate danger of suffering from or sustaining a wound, injury, disability or physical or mental condition caused by brutality, neglect or other actions or inactions of a parent, relative, guardian or caretaker.
How to report?	Call the Child Abuse Hotline to report child abuse or neglect in the State of Tennessee. 877-237-0004 Reports also can be made online: https://apps.tn.gov/carat/
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child(ren) names, ages, address, phone numbers, race, and school/daycare information • Parent(s), Legal Guardian(s), or caretaker(s) information • Other household members information • Nature of the harm or specific incident(s) that precipitated the report • Specific allegation(s), date(s) and descriptions(s) of the injuries or dangers • Identities of alleged perpetrator(s) and their relationship(s) to the victim • Witnesses to the incident(s) and how to reach those witnesses

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of any physical evidence available • Perpetrator's current access to the child • Present condition of the child (alone, in need of medical attention, etc.) • The location of the child and directions to that location • Any statements from the child • Parent's or perpetrator's explanation of the alleged child victim's condition or the incident • Parent's current emotional, physical or mental state, especially feelings about the child and reactions to the report • How the reporter came to know the information and the reporter's thoughts about the likelihood of further harm to the child
For additional information, please visit:	Tennessee's Department of Children's Services here .

TEXAS

Who must report?	Everyone has a responsibility to report child abuse or neglect.
What must be reported?	Reasonable cause to believe that a child's physical or mental health or welfare has been adversely affected by abuse or neglect by any person
What is child abuse?	<p>“Abuse” includes the following acts or omissions by a person:</p> <p>(A) mental or emotional injury to a child that results in an observable and material impairment in the child's growth, development, or psychological functioning;</p> <p>(B) causing or permitting the child to be in a situation in which the child sustains a mental or emotional injury that results in an observable and material impairment in the child's growth, development, or psychological functioning;</p> <p>(C) physical injury that results in substantial harm to the child, or the genuine threat of substantial harm from physical injury to the child, including an injury that is at variance with the history or explanation given and excluding an accident or reasonable discipline by a parent, guardian, or managing or possessory conservator that does not expose the child to a substantial risk of harm;</p> <p>(D) failure to make a reasonable effort to prevent an action by another person that results in physical injury that results in substantial harm to the child;</p> <p>(E) sexual conduct harmful to a child's mental, emotional, or physical welfare, including conduct that constitutes the offense of continuous sexual abuse of young child or disabled individual, indecency with a child, sexual assault, or aggravated sexual assault;</p> <p>(F) failure to make a reasonable effort to prevent sexual conduct harmful to a child;</p>

	<p>(G) compelling or encouraging the child to engage in sexual conduct, including compelling or encouraging the child in a manner that constitutes an offense of trafficking of persons, solicitation of prostitution, or compelling prostitution;</p> <p>(H) causing, permitting, encouraging, engaging in, or allowing the photographing, filming, or depicting of the child if the person knew or should have known that the resulting photograph, film, or depiction of the child is obscene, or pornographic;</p> <p>(I) the current use by a person of a controlled substance, in a manner or to the extent that the use results in physical, mental, or emotional injury to a child;</p> <p>(J) causing, expressly permitting, or encouraging a child to use a controlled substance;</p> <p>(K) causing, permitting, encouraging, engaging in, or allowing a sexual performance by a child;</p> <p>(L) knowingly causing, permitting, encouraging, engaging in, or allowing a child to be trafficked, or the failure to make a reasonable effort to prevent a child from being trafficked in a manner punishable as an offense under any of those sections; or</p> <p>(M) forcing or coercing a child to enter into a marriage.</p> <p>For a full definition, see Tex. Fam. Code Ann. § 261.001.</p>
How to report?	If there is an emergency, call 911 and then call the DFPS Texas Abuse Hotline at 1-800-252-5400. You can also make a report online
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	<p>You will answer questions in three main sections: People Involved, What Happened, and Safety Concerns.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the People Involved section, you will be asked to provide detailed information about everyone involved in the incident: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The person you suspect is being abused (alleged victims). • The person you suspect is responsible for the abuse (alleged perpetrators). • Others living in the home and anyone one else who can provide information about the incident.. 2. In the What Happened section, you will be asked to provide detailed information on the specific concerns and reasons you have for reporting the incident. 3. In the Safety Concerns section, you will be asked to provide detailed information regarding domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse, living conditions and other safety concerns. Share any concerns you have about weapons, gang involvement, or if there are people, pets, or conditions that could be a danger.

For additional information, please visit:	Texas Department of Family Protective Services here .
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UTAH

Who must report?	Everyone has a responsibility to report child abuse or neglect.
What must be reported?	Reason to believe that a child is, or has been, the subject of abuse or neglect, or observes a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances that would reasonably result in abuse or neglect
What is child abuse?	Abuse is defined as non-accidental harm or threatened harm of a child or sexual exploitation or sexual abuse. See Utah Code 78A-6-105.
How to report?	Call 1-855-323-3237 or report online at: https://dcfs.utah.gov/child-abuse-reporting-form/
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	Please see here .
For additional information, please visit:	https://dcfs.utah.gov/services/child-protective-services/

VERMONT

Who must report?	For a complete list of mandatory reporters, please see Vt. Stat. Ann. tit 33 § 4913 .
What must be reported?	Reasonable suspicion of abuse or neglect of a child
What is child abuse?	“Abused or neglected child” means a child whose physical health, psychological growth and development, or welfare is harmed or is at substantial risk of harm by the acts or omissions of his or her parent or other person responsible for the child's welfare. An “abused or neglected child” also means a child who is sexually abused or at substantial risk of sexual abuse by any person and a child who has died as a result of abuse or neglect.
How to report?	If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, call 1-800-649-5285 to report it — 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If a child is in immediate danger, dial 911 or the local police first. Then, call to make a report.
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	The child’s name, date of birth, race and ethnicity, home address, school, or child care provider as well as the names of the parents or guardians.
For additional information, please visit:	Vermont’s Department for Children and Families here .


VIRGINIA

Who must report?	Any person 18 years of age or older associated with or employed by any public or private organization responsible for the care, custody or control of children, and any athletic coach, director or other person 18 years of age or older employed by or volunteering with a public or private sports organization or team (among others). For a complete list of mandatory reporters, please see Va. Code Ann. § 63.2-1509 .
What must be reported?	Reason to suspect that a child is an abused or neglected child
What is child abuse?	<p>“Abused or neglected child” means any child less than 18 years of age:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Whose parents or other person responsible for his care creates or inflicts, threatens to create or inflict, or allows to be created or inflicted upon such child a physical or mental injury by other than accidental means, or creates a substantial risk of death, disfigurement, or impairment of bodily or mental functions, including, but not limited to, a child who is with his parent or other person responsible for his care either (i) during the manufacture or attempted manufacture of a Schedule I or II controlled substance, or (ii) during the unlawful sale of such substance by that child's parents or other person responsible for his care, where such manufacture, or attempted manufacture or unlawful sale would constitute a felony; 2. Whose parents or other person responsible for his care neglects or refuses to provide care necessary for his health; 3. Whose parents or other person responsible for his care abandons such child; 4. Whose parents or other person responsible for his care, or an intimate partner of such parent or person, commits or allows to be committed any act of sexual exploitation or any sexual act upon a child in violation of the law; 5. Who is without parental care or guardianship caused by the unreasonable absence or the mental or physical incapacity of the child's parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis; 6. Whose parents or other person responsible for his care creates a substantial risk of physical or mental injury by knowingly leaving the child alone in the same dwelling, including an apartment, with a person to whom the child is not related by blood or marriage and who the parent or other person responsible for his care knows has been convicted of an offense against a minor for which registration is required as a Tier III offender; or 7. Who has been identified as a victim of sex trafficking or severe forms of trafficking as defined in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, and in the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015.

	For full definition, see Va. Code Ann. § 63.2-100.
How to report?	In Virginia: (800) 552-7096 Out-of-state: (804) 786-8536 Hearing-impaired: (800) 828-1120
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	Information regarding the child, the perpetrators, and your concerns. For additional information, please call (804) 786-8536.
For additional information, please visit:	https://www.dss.virginia.gov/about/abuse.cgi

WASHINGTON

Who must report?	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. For a complete list of mandatory reporters, please see Wash Rev. Code Ann. § 26.44.030 .
What must be reported?	Reasonable cause to believe that a child has suffered abuse or neglect.
Important Definitions	“Abuse or neglect” means sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, female genital mutilation as defined in RCW 18.130.460, or injury of a child by any person under circumstances which cause harm to the child's health, welfare, or safety, excluding conduct permitted under RCW 9A.16.100; or the negligent treatment or maltreatment of a child by a person responsible for or providing care to the child. An abused child is a child who has been subjected to child abuse or neglect as defined in this section. Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 26.44.020.
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name, address and age of the child. 2. The name and address of the child's parent, guardian or other persons having custody of the child. 3. The nature and extent of the abuse or neglect. 4. Any evidence of previous incidences. 5. Any other information which may be helpful in establishing the cause of the child's abuse or neglect and the identity of the perpetrator. <p>You do not need to have all of the above information when you call to make a report, but the more accurate information you can provide, the better equipped the offices will be to assess the child's safety.</p>
How to report?	You must call the hotline number associated with the region in which the alleged abuse occurred:

	<p>Region 1 1.800.557.9671 Region 1 Flyer</p> <p>Region 2 855-420-5888 Region 2 Flyer</p> <p>Region 3 (866) 829-2153 Region 3 Flyer</p> <p>Region 4 1-800-609-8764 Region 4 Flyer</p> <p>Region 5 1-888-713-6115 Region 5 Flyer</p> <p>Region 6 1-866-764-2233 Region 6 Flyer</p> 
<p>For additional information, please see:</p>	<p>https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/safety/report-abuse</p>

WEST VIRGINIA

<p>Who must report?</p>	<p>Any employee, coach or volunteer of an entity that provides organized activities for children (among others). For a complete list of mandatory reporters, please see WV Code §49-2-803.</p>
<p>What must be reported?</p>	<p>Reasonable cause to suspect that a child is neglected or abused.</p>
<p>What is child abuse?</p>	<p>“Abused child” means: (1) A child whose health or welfare is being harmed or threatened by: (A) A parent, guardian, or custodian who knowingly or intentionally inflicts, attempts to inflict, or knowingly allows another person to inflict, physical injury or mental or emotional injury, upon the child or another child in the home. Physical injury may include an injury to the child as a result of excessive corporal punishment; (B) Sexual abuse or sexual exploitation;</p>

	<p>(C) The sale or attempted sale of a child by a parent, guardian, or custodian;</p> <p>(D) Domestic violence; or</p> <p>(E) Human trafficking or attempted human trafficking.</p> <p>(2) A child conceived as a result of sexual assault, as that term is defined in this section, or as a result of the violation of a criminal law of another jurisdiction which has the same essential elements: <i>Provided</i>, That no victim of sexual assault may be determined to be an abusive parent, as that term is defined in this section, based upon being a victim of sexual assault.</p> <p>For full definition, see W. Va. Code Ann. § 49-1-201.</p>
How to report?	Call 1-800-352-6513
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demographic information of the victim(s) and household members • Description of the suspected abuse or neglect • Information about the presence of protective caregivers • Information about the perpetrators access to the victim • Description of general functioning • Potential safety threats in the home/family to first responders such as domestic violence, weapons, vicious animals, dangerous people, etc.
For additional information, please visit:	https://dhhr.wv.gov/bss/services/Pages/Centralized-Intake-for-Abuse-and-Neglect.aspx

WISCONSIN

Who must report?	For a complete list of mandatory reporters, please see Wis. Stat. Ann. § 48.981 .
What must be reported?	Reasonable cause 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 shall
What is child abuse?	<p>(a) Physical injury inflicted on a child by other than accidental means.</p> <p>(b) Sexual intercourse or sexual contact</p> <p>(c) Sexual exploitation of a child</p> <p>(d) Permitting, allowing or encouraging a child to commit prostitution;</p> <p>(e) Intentionally causing a child to view or listen to sexually explicit conduct if the viewing or listening is for the purpose of sexually arousing or gratifying the actor or humiliating or degrading the child;</p> <p>(f) Causes a child to expose genitals or pubic area or exposes genitals or pubic area to a child for purposes of sexual arousal or sexual gratification</p>

	<p>(g) Manufacturing methamphetamine under any of the following circumstances:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. With a child physically present during the manufacture. 2. In a child's home, on the premises of a child's home, or in a motor vehicle located on the premises of a child's home. 3. Under any other circumstances in which a reasonable person should have known that the manufacture would be seen, smelled, or heard by a child. <p>Emotional damage for which the child's parent, guardian or legal custodian has neglected, refused or been unable for reasons other than poverty to obtain the necessary treatment or to take steps to ameliorate the symptoms.</p> <p>For full definition, see Wis. Stat. Ann. § 48.02.</p>
How to report?	To report a case of child abuse or neglect, contact the county or tribe where the child or child's family lives. If the agency is not known, contact the closest county. Find contact information for each county here .
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	Demographic data, alleged maltreatment, information regarding the child, and information regarding the family conditions.
For additional information, please visit:	https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cps

WYOMING

Who must report?	Everyone has a responsibility to report child abuse or neglect.
What must be reported?	Knowledge or reasonable cause to believe or suspect that a child has been abused or neglected or who observations of any child being subjected to conditions or circumstances that would reasonably result in abuse or neglect
What is child abuse?	<p>“Abuse” means inflicting or causing physical or mental injury, harm or imminent danger to the physical or mental health or welfare of a child other than by accidental means, including abandonment, excessive or unreasonable corporal punishment, malnutrition or substantial risk thereof by reason of intentional or unintentional neglect, and the commission or allowing the commission of a sexual offense against a child.</p> <p>For the full definition, see Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 14-3-202 (West)</p>

How to report?	To make a report concerning abuse or neglect, contact the county field office where the alleged abuse or neglect took/is taking place. A listing of all county office addresses and phone numbers can be found here .
When reporting, you will be asked for . . .	As much factual information as possible. For example, the time of day you witnessed the incident, a description of the possible perpetrator as well as the possible victim; how many people were present; where the incident happened; if a vehicle was involved, try to get the license plate of the vehicle as well as its description.
For additional information, please visit:	https://dfs.wyo.gov/services/child-youth-services/child-protection-services/