

**IMMUNITY FOR GOOD FAITH REPORTING:  
PROVISIONS AND CITATIONS IN ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES LAWS, BY STATE**

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Alabama	Any person, firm or corporation making or participating in the making of a report pursuant to this chapter or participating in a judicial proceeding resulting therefrom shall in so doing be immune from any liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed. Ala. Code § 38-9-9
Alaska	A person who in good faith makes a report under AS 47.24.010, regardless of whether the person is required to do so, is immune from civil or criminal liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed for making the report. Alaska Stat. § 47.24.120(a)
Arizona	Any person making a complaint, furnishing a report, information or records required or authorized by this chapter or otherwise participating in the program authorized by this chapter or in a judicial or administrative proceeding or investigation resulting from reports, information or records submitted or obtained pursuant to this chapter is immune from any civil or criminal liability by reason of such action, unless the person acted with malice or unless such person has been charged with or is suspected of abusing, exploiting or neglecting the incapacitated or vulnerable adult in question. ... Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 46-453(A)
Arkansas (#1) Ark. Code Ann. §§ 12-12-1701 – 12-12-1721 ( <i>relating to reporting &amp; investigation</i> )	(a) Any person, official, or institution acting in good faith in the making of a report, the taking of a photograph, or the removal of a maltreated person under this subchapter shall have immunity from liability and suit for damages, civil or criminal, that otherwise might result by reason of those actions. (b) The good faith of any person required to report a case of adult maltreatment or long-term care facility resident maltreatment shall be presumed. Ark. Code Ann. § 12-12-1713
Arkansas (#2) Ark. Code Ann. §§ 9-20-101 – 9-20-121 ( <i>authorizing APS to take victims into protective custody</i> )	This statute contains no reporting provisions.
California	(a) No care custodian, clergy member, health practitioner, or employee of an adult protective service agency or a local law enforcement agency who reports a known or suspected instance of elder or dependent adult abuse shall be civilly or criminally liable for any report required or authorized by this article. Any other person reporting a known or suspected instance of elder or dependent adult abuse shall not incur civil or criminal liability as a result of any report

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	<p>authorized by this article, unless it can be proven that a false report was made and the person knew that the report was false. No person required to make a report pursuant to this article, or any person taking photographs at his or her discretion, shall incur any civil or criminal liability for taking photographs of a suspected victim of elder or dependent adult abuse or causing photographs to be taken of such a suspected victim or for disseminating the photographs with the reports required by this article. However, this section shall not be construed to grant immunity from this liability with respect to any other use of the photographs. Cal. Welf. &amp; Inst. Code § 15634(a)</p> <hr/> <p>(c) The Legislature finds that, even though it has provided immunity from liability to persons required to report elder or dependent adult abuse, immunity does not eliminate the possibility that actions may be brought against those persons based upon required reports of abuse. In order to further limit the financial hardship that those persons may incur as a result of fulfilling their legal responsibilities, it is necessary that they not be unfairly burdened by legal fees incurred in defending those actions. Therefore, a care custodian, clergy member, health practitioner, or an employee of an adult protective services agency or a local law enforcement agency may present to the State Board of Control a claim for reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in any action against that person on the basis of making a report required or authorized by this article if the court has dismissed the action upon a demurrer or motion for summary judgment made by that person, or if he or she prevails in the action. The State Board of Control shall allow that claim if the requirements of this subdivision are met, and the claim shall be paid from an appropriation to be made for that purpose. Attorneys' fees awarded pursuant to this section shall not exceed an hourly rate greater than the rate charged by the Attorney General at the time the award is made and shall not exceed an aggregate amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). This subdivision shall not apply if a public entity has provided for the defense of the action pursuant to Section 995 of the Government Code. Cal. Welf. &amp; Inst. Code § 15634(c)</p>
Colorado	<p>Any person, except a perpetrator, complicitor, or coconspirator, who makes a report pursuant to this section shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability on account of such report, testimony, or participation in making such report, so long as such action was taken in good faith and not in reckless disregard of the truth or in violation of subsection (4) of this section. Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 26-3.1-102(5)</p> <hr/> <p>Any person, except a perpetrator, complicitor, or coconspirator, who makes a report pursuant to this section shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability on account of such report, testimony, or participation in making such report, so long as such action was taken in good faith and not in reckless disregard of the truth or in violation of subsection (4) of this section. Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 26-3.1-204(5)</p>
Connecticut	<p>Any person who makes any report pursuant to sections 17b-450 to 17b-461, inclusive, or who testifies in any administrative or judicial proceeding arising from such report shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability on account of such report or testimony, except for liability for perjury, unless such person acted in bad faith or with malicious purpose. Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 17b-451(d)</p>

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Delaware	Anyone participating in good faith in the making of a report pursuant to this chapter shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal that might otherwise exist and such immunity shall extend to participation in any judicial proceedings resulting from such report. Del. Code Ann. tit. 31, § 3910(c)
District of Columbia	Any person who reports an alleged case of abuse, neglect, or exploitation pursuant to § 7-1903 shall be immune from civil or criminal liability for so reporting if he, she, or it has acted in good faith. D.C. Code Ann. § 7-1908
Florida	<p>Any person who participates in making a report under s. 415.1034 or participates in a judicial proceeding resulting therefrom is presumed to be acting in good faith and, unless lack of good faith is shown by clear and convincing evidence, is immune from any liability, civil or criminal, that otherwise might be incurred or imposed. This section does not grant immunity, civil or criminal, to any person who is suspected of having abused, neglected, or exploited, or committed any illegal act upon or against, a vulnerable adult. Fla. Stat. Ann. § 415.1036(1)</p> <hr/> <p>Anyone making a report who is acting in good faith is immune from any liability under this subsection. [NOTE: The referenced subsection pertains to criminal penalties for knowing and willfully making a false report of advising another person to do so.] Fla. Stat. Ann. § 415.111(5)(b)</p> <hr/> <p>Any person who makes a report and acts in good faith is immune from any liability under this section and continues to be entitled to have the confidentiality of his or her identity maintained. [NOTE: The referenced section pertains to administrative fines for making a false report or counseling another person to do so.] Fla. Stat. Ann. § 415.1113(10)</p>
Georgia	Anyone who makes a report pursuant to this chapter, who testifies in any judicial proceeding arising from the report, who provides protective services, or who participates in a required investigation under the provisions of this chapter shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability on account of such report or testimony or participation, unless such person acted in bad faith, with a malicious purpose, or was a party to such crime or fraud. Any financial institution, as defined in Code Section 7-1-4, including without limitation officers and directors thereof, that is an employer of anyone who makes a report pursuant to this chapter in his or her capacity as an employee, or who testifies in any judicial proceeding arising from a report made in his or her capacity as an employee, or who participates in a required investigation under the provisions of this chapter in his or her capacity as an employee, shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability on account of such report or testimony or participation of its employee, unless such financial institution knew or should have known that the employee acted in bad faith or with a malicious purpose and failed to take reasonable and available measures to prevent such employee from acting in bad faith or with a malicious purpose. The immunity described in this subsection shall apply not only with respect to the acts of making a report, testifying in a judicial proceeding arising from a report, providing protective services, or participating in a required investigation but also shall apply with respect to the content of the information communicated in such acts. Ga. Code Ann. § 30-5-4(c)
Guam	Any person who in good faith makes a report under this article or testifies in any administrative or judicial proceeding related to the report is immune from civil or criminal liability for reporting or testifying. 10 Guam Code Ann. § 2953

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Hawaii	Anyone participating in good faith in the making of a report pursuant to this part shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, that might be otherwise incurred or imposed by or as a result of the making of such a report. Any participant shall have the same immunity with respect to participation in any judicial proceeding resulting from that report. Haw. Rev. Stat. § 346-250(a)
Idaho	Any person who makes any report pursuant to this chapter, or who testifies in any administrative or judicial proceeding arising from such report, or who is authorized to provide supportive or emergency services pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability on account of such report, testimony or services provided in good faith, except that such immunity shall not extend to perjury, reports made in bad faith or with malicious purpose nor, in the case of provision of services, in the presence of gross negligence under the existing circumstances. Idaho Code § 39-5303(5)
Illinois	<p>A person making a report under this Act in the belief that it is in the alleged victim's best interest shall be immune from criminal or civil liability or professional disciplinary action on account of making the report, notwithstanding any requirements concerning the confidentiality of information with respect to such eligible adult which might otherwise be applicable. 320 Ill. Comp. Stat. § 20/4(a-7)</p> <hr/> <p>Any person, institution or agency participating in the making of a report, providing information or records related to a report, assessment, or services, or participating in the investigation of a report under this Act in good faith, or taking photographs or x-rays as a result of an authorized assessment, shall have immunity from any civil, criminal or other liability in any civil, criminal or other proceeding brought in consequence of making such report or assessment or on account of submitting or otherwise disclosing such photographs or x-rays to any agency designated to receive reports of alleged or suspected abuse or neglect. ... For the purposes of any civil, criminal, or other proceeding, the good faith of any person required to report, permitted to report, or participating in an investigation of a report of alleged or suspected abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation shall be presumed. 320 Ill. Comp. Stat. § 20/4(b)</p>
Indiana	<p>A person, other than a person against whom a complaint concerning an endangered adult has been made, who in good faith:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) makes or causes to be made a report required to be made under this chapter;</li> <li>(2) testifies or participates in any investigation or administrative or judicial proceeding on matters arising from the report;</li> <li>(3) makes or causes to be made photographs or x-rays of an endangered adult; or</li> <li>(4) discusses a report required to be made under this chapter with the division, the adult protective services unit, a law enforcement agency, or other appropriate agency;</li> </ol> <p>is immune from both civil and criminal liability arising from those actions. Ind. Code Ann. § 12-10-3-11(a)</p>

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Iowa	A person participating in good faith in reporting or cooperating with or assisting the department in evaluating a case of dependent adult abuse has immunity from liability, civil or criminal, which might otherwise be incurred or imposed based upon the act of making the report or giving the assistance. The person has the same immunity with respect to participating in good faith in a judicial proceeding resulting from the report or cooperation or assistance or relating to the subject matter of the report, cooperation, or assistance. Iowa Code Ann. § 235B.3(10)
Kansas	Anyone participating in the making of any report pursuant to this act, or in any follow-up activity to the report, including providing records upon request of the department of social and rehabilitation services, or investigation of such report or who testifies in any administrative or judicial proceeding arising from such report shall not be subject to any civil liability on account of such report, investigation or testimony, unless such person acted in bad faith or with malicious purpose. Kan. Stat. Ann. § 39-1432(a)
Kentucky	Anyone acting upon reasonable cause in the making of any report or investigation or participating in the filing of a petition to obtain injunctive relief or emergency protective services for an adult pursuant to this chapter, including representatives of the cabinet in the reasonable performance of their duties in good faith, and within the scope of their authority, shall have immunity from any civil or criminal liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed. Any such participant shall have the same immunity with respect to participation in any judicial proceeding resulting from such report or investigation and such immunity shall apply to those who render protective services in good faith pursuant either to the consent of the adult or to court order. Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 209.050
Louisiana	No cause of action shall exist against any person who in good faith makes a report, cooperates in an investigation by an adult protective agency, or participates in judicial proceedings authorized under the provisions of this Section, or any adult protective services caseworker who in good faith conducts an investigation or makes an investigative judgment or disposition, and such person shall have immunity from civil or criminal liability that otherwise might be incurred or imposed. This immunity shall not be extended to: (1) Any alleged principal, conspirator, or accessory to an offense involving the abuse or neglect of the adult. (2) Any person who makes a report known to be false or with reckless disregard for the truth of the report. (3) Any person charged with direct or constructive contempt of court, any act of perjury as defined in Subpart C of Part VII of Chapter 1 of this Title, or any offense affecting judicial functions and public records as defined in Subpart D of Part VII of Chapter 1 of this Title. La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §14:403.2(K)
Maine	A person participating in good faith in reporting under this subchapter, or in a related adult protection investigation or proceeding, is immune from any civil liability that might otherwise result from these actions, including, but not limited to, any civil liability that might otherwise arise under state or local laws or rules regarding confidentiality of information. Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 22, § 3479-A(1)

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Maryland	Any person who makes or participates in making a report under this subtitle or participates in an investigation or a judicial proceeding resulting from a report under this subtitle shall have the immunity from liability described under § 5-622 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article. [NOTE: That section provides the following: Any person who in good faith makes or participates in making a report under Title 14, Subtitle 3 of the Family Law Article or participates in an investigation or a judicial proceeding resulting from a report under Title 14, Subtitle 3 of the Family Law Article is immune from any civil liability that would otherwise result.] Md. Code Ann., Fam. Law § 14-309
Massachusetts (EPS) Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 19A, §§ 14 – 26 ( <i>applicable to persons who are 60 or older</i> )	No person required to report pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) shall be liable in any civil or criminal action by reason of such report; provided, however, that such person did not perpetrate, inflict or cause said abuse. No other person making such a report pursuant to the provisions of subsection (b) or (c) shall be liable in any civil or criminal action by reason of such report if it was made in good faith; provided, however, that such person did not perpetrate, inflict or cause said abuse. Any person making a report under subsection (a), (b) or (c) who, in the determination of the department or the district attorney may have perpetrated, inflicted or caused said abuse may be liable in a civil or criminal action by reason of such report. Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 19A, § 15(d)
Massachusetts (APS) Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 19C, §§ 1 – 13 ( <i>applicable to persons with disabilities</i> )	No mandated reporter shall be liable in any civil or criminal action by reason of submitting a report. No other person making a report shall be liable in any civil or criminal action by reason of submitting a report if such report was made in good faith; provided, however, that no person who abuses a disabled person shall be exempt from civil or criminal liability by reason of their reporting such abuse. Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 19C, § 10
Michigan	... A person acting in good faith who makes a report or who assists in the implementation of sections 11 to 11b, 11d to 11f, and this section shall be immune from civil liability which might otherwise be incurred by making the report or by assisting in the making of the report. A person making a report or assisting in the implementation of sections 11 to 11b, 11d to 11f, and this section shall be presumed to have acted in good faith. The immunity from civil liability extends only to an act performed under sections 11 to 11b, 11d to 11f, and this section, and shall not extend to a negligent act which causes personal injury or death. Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 400.11c(1)
Minnesota	A person who makes a good faith report is immune from any civil or criminal liability that might otherwise result from making the report, or from participating in the investigation, or for failure to comply fully with the reporting obligation under section 609.234 or 626.557, subdivision 7. Minn. Stat. Ann. § 626.557, Subd. 5.(a)

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Mississippi	<p>Anyone who makes a report required by this section or who testifies or participates in any judicial proceedings arising from the report or who participates in a required investigation or evaluation shall be presumed to be acting in good faith and in so doing shall be immune from liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed. However, the immunity provided under this subsection shall not apply to any suspect or perpetrator of any abuse, neglect or exploitation. Miss. Code Ann. § 43-47-7(4)</p> <hr/> <p>Any individual who, in good faith, makes a report as provided in this section or who testifies in an official proceeding regarding matters arising out of this section shall be immune from all criminal and civil liability. The immunity granted under this subsection shall not apply to any suspect or perpetrator of abuse, neglect or exploitation of any vulnerable adult, or of any other criminal act under any statute of this state or municipal ordinance defining any act as a crime or misdemeanor. Miss. Code Ann. § 43-47-37(5)(a)</p>
<p>Missouri (#1)  Mo. Ann. Stat. §§ 660.250 – 660.295 (<i>applicable only to persons who are unable to protect their own interests or adequately perform or obtain services necessary to meet their essential human needs and are either: (1) 60 or older, or (2) between 18 and 59 and have a disability</i>)</p>	<p>Anyone, except any person who has abused or neglected an in-home services client or home health patient, who makes a report pursuant to this section or who testifies in any administrative or judicial proceeding arising from the report shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability for making such a report or for testifying except for liability for perjury, unless such person acted negligently, recklessly, in bad faith, or with malicious purpose. Mo. Ann. Stat. § 660.300(9)</p>
<p>Missouri (#2)  Mo. Ann. Stat. §§ 660.300 – 660.321 (<i>these provisions are applicable only to individuals who are receiving “in home services” as defined by § 660.250(9) “through any in-home services provider agency” as defined by § 660.250(11). Missouri does not have two statutes. We established this construct to distinguish in the charts between the</i></p>	<p>Anyone, except any person participating in or benefiting from the misappropriation of funds, who makes a report pursuant to this section or who testifies in any administrative or judicial proceeding arising from the report shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability for making such a report or for testifying except for liability for perjury, unless such person acted negligently, recklessly, in bad faith, or with malicious purpose. Mo. Ann. Stat. § 660.305(7)</p>

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<p><i>provisions applicable to individuals who are receiving in home services and those who are not. The statute indicated that the definitions contained in 660.250 apply to what we have labeled as Missouri #2; 660.300 – 660.321. )</i></p>	
<p>Montana</p>	<p>A person who makes a report required or authorized to be made under 52-3- 811 is immune from civil or criminal liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed as a result of the report unless the report is false in any material respect and the person acted in bad faith or with malicious purpose. Mont. Code Ann. § 52-3-814(1)</p>
<p>Nebraska</p>	<p>Any person participating in an investigation or the making of a report pursuant to the Adult Protective Services Act or participating in a judicial proceeding resulting therefrom shall be immune from any liability except (1) as otherwise provided in the Adult Protective Services Act, (2) for malfeasance in office or willful or wanton neglect of duty, or (3) for false statements of fact made with malicious intent. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-375</p>
<p>Nevada</p>	<p>Immunity from civil or criminal liability extends to every person who, pursuant to NRS 200.5091 to 200.50995, inclusive, in good faith:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Participates in the making of a report;</li> <li>2. Causes or conducts an investigation of alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of an older person or a vulnerable person; or</li> <li>3. Submits information contained in a report to a licensing board pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 200.5095. Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 200.5096</li> </ol>
<p>New Hampshire</p>	<p>Any person or agency, other than an alleged perpetrator, participating in good faith in the making of a report of an alleged incident of adult abuse, neglect or exploitation, providing information relative to such incident or following a reporting protocol developed jointly with the department shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed. Any person or agency providing information in good faith, including materials requested by the department pursuant to RSA 161-F:56, shall have the same immunity with respect to participation in any investigation by the commissioner or his authorized representative or in any judicial proceeding resulting from such report. N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 161-F:47</p>
<p>New Jersey</p>	<p>A person who reports information pursuant to this act, or provides information concerning the abuse of a vulnerable adult to the county adult protective services provider, or testifies at a grand jury, judicial or administrative proceeding resulting from the report, is immune from civil and criminal liability arising from the report, information, or testimony, unless the person acts in bad faith or with malicious purpose. N.J. Stat. Ann. § 52:27D-409(c)</p>

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New Mexico	Any person making a report pursuant to Section 27-7-30 NMSA 1978, testifying in any judicial proceeding arising from the report or participating in a required evaluation pursuant to the Adult Protective Services Act or any law enforcement officer carrying out his responsibilities under that act or any person providing records or information as required under that act shall be immune from civil or criminal liability on account of that report, testimony or participation, unless the person acted in bad faith or with a malicious purpose. N.M. Stat. Ann. § 27-7-31
New York	Any person who in good faith believes that a person eighteen years of age or older may be an endangered adult or in need of protective or other services, pursuant to this article, and who, based on such belief either: (a) reports or refers such person to the department, office for the aging, or any local social services district office or designated area agency on aging, law enforcement agency, or any other person, agency or organization that such person, in good faith, believes will take appropriate action; or (b) testifies in any judicial or administrative proceeding arising from such report or referral shall have immunity from any civil liability that might otherwise result by reason of the act of making such report or referral or of giving of such testimony. N.Y. Soc. Ser. Law, Art. 9B, § 473-b
North Carolina	Anyone who makes a report pursuant to this statute, who testifies in any judicial proceeding arising from the report, or who participates in a required evaluation shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability on account of such report or testimony or participation, unless such person acted in bad faith or with a malicious purpose. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 108A-102(c)
North Dakota	The following persons are immune from any civil or criminal liability that otherwise might result from the person's actions taken pursuant to this chapter: 1. Any person, other than an alleged perpetrator, making a report or participating in an investigation, evaluation, or assessment under this chapter if the person is acting in good faith. N.D. Cent. Code § 50-25.2-09(1)
Ohio	Any person with reasonable cause to believe that an adult is suffering abuse, neglect, or exploitation who makes a report pursuant to this section or who testifies in any administrative or judicial proceeding arising from such a report, or any employee of the state or any of its subdivisions who is discharging responsibilities under section 5101.62 of the Revised Code shall be immune from civil or criminal liability on account of such investigation, report, or testimony, except liability for perjury, unless the person has acted in bad faith or with malicious purpose. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 5101.61(D)
Oklahoma	1. Any person participating in good faith and exercising due care in the making of a report pursuant to the provisions of this section shall have immunity from any civil or criminal liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed. Any such participant shall have the same immunity with respect to participation in any judicial proceeding resulting from such report. 2. The same immunity from any civil or criminal liability shall also be extended to previous employers of a person employed to be responsible for the care of a vulnerable adult, who in good faith report to new employers or prospective employers of such caretaker any misconduct of the caretaker including, but not limited to, abuse, neglect or exploitation of a vulnerable adult, whether confirmed or not. Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 43A, § 10-104(E) [NOTE: A different bill containing an identical provision to this was also enacted in the same year as this provision. The duplicate provision is labeled as Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 43A, § 10-104(F).]

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<p>Oregon (EPS) Or. Rev. Stat. §§ 124.050 – 124.095 (<i>applicable to persons 65 or older who are not residents of long-term care facilities</i>)</p>	<p>Anyone participating in good faith in the making of a report of elder abuse and who has reasonable grounds for making the report shall have immunity from any civil liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed with respect to the making or content of such report. Any such participant shall have the same immunity with respect to participating in any judicial proceeding resulting from such report. Or. Rev. Stat. § 124.075(1)</p>
<p>Oregon (APS) Or. Rev. Stat. §§ 430.735 – 430.768 (<i>applicable only to persons 18 or older who are mentally ill or developmentally disabled and receive services from a community program or facility</i>)</p>	<p>Anyone participating in good faith in making a report of abuse pursuant to ORS 430.743 and 430.765 (1) and (2) and who has reasonable grounds for making the report, shall have immunity from any civil liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed with respect to the making or content of the report. The participant shall have the same immunity with respect to participating in any judicial proceeding resulting from the report. Or. Rev. Stat. § 430.753(1)</p>
<p>Pennsylvania</p>	<p>Any person participating in the making of a report or who provides testimony in any administrative or judicial proceeding arising out of a report shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability on account of the report or testimony unless the person acted in bad faith or with malicious purpose. This immunity shall not extend to liability for acts of abuse, neglect, exploitation or abandonment, even if such acts are the subject of the report or testimony. 35 Pa. Cons. Stat. Ann. § 10225.302(d).</p> <hr/> <p>An administrator or a facility shall not be held civilly liable for any action directly related to good faith compliance with this chapter. [NOTE: The referenced chapter relates to reporting by “employees.”] 35 Pa. Cons. Stat. Ann. § 10225.707</p>
<p>Puerto Rico</p>	<p>There is no statutory provision.</p>
<p>Rhode Island</p>	<p>Any person participating in good faith in making a report pursuant to § 42- 66-8, excluding any perpetrator or conspirator of those acts, has immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed. R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-66-11</p>
<p>South Carolina</p>	<p>A person who, acting in good faith, reports pursuant to this chapter or who participates in an investigation or judicial proceeding resulting from a report is immune from civil and criminal liability which may otherwise result by reason of this action. In a civil or criminal proceeding good faith is a rebuttable presumption. S.C. Code Ann. § 43-35-75(A)</p>
<p>South Dakota</p>	<p>There is no statutory provision.</p>

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Tennessee	Any person making any report or investigation pursuant to this part, including representatives of the department in the reasonable performance of their duties and within the scope of their authority, shall be presumed to be acting in good faith and shall thereby be immune from any liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed. Any such participant shall have the same immunity with respect to participation in any judicial proceeding resulting from such report or investigation. ... Tenn. Code Ann. § 71-6-105
Texas	<p>A person filing a report under this chapter or testifying or otherwise participating in any judicial proceeding arising from a petition, report, or investigation is immune from civil or criminal liability on account of his or her petition, report, testimony, or participation, unless the person acted in bad faith or with a malicious purpose. Tex. Hum. Res. Code Ann. § 48.054(a)</p> <hr/> <p>A person who reports the person's own abuse, neglect, or exploitation of another person or who acts in bad faith or with malicious purpose in reporting alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation is not immune from civil or criminal liability. Tex. Hum. Res. Code Ann. § 48.054(c)</p> <hr/> <p>An employer whose employee acts under Subsection (a) or (b) is immune from civil or criminal liability on account of an employee's report, testimony, or participation in any judicial proceedings arising from a petition, report, or investigation. This subsection does not apply to an employer who is the subject of an investigation. Tex. Hum. Res. Code Ann. § 48.054(d)</p>
Utah	Anyone who in good faith makes a report or otherwise notifies a law enforcement agency, the division, or Adult Protective Services of suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation is immune from civil and criminal liability in connection with the report or other notification. Utah Code Ann. § 62A-3-305(3)
Vermont	Any person who in good faith makes a report under section 6904 of this title alleging abuse, neglect or exploitation shall be immune from any liability, civil or criminal, for making the report. Nothing in this section grants civil or criminal immunity to any person suspected of having abused, neglected or exploited a vulnerable adult. Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 33, § 6908
Virgin Islands	No person so required to report under subsection (a) of this section shall be liable in any civil or criminal action by reason of such report. No other person making such a report under subsection (b) or (c) of this section shall be liable in any civil or criminal action by reason of such report if it was made in good faith. ... 34 V.I. Code Ann. § 453(d)
Virginia	Any person who makes a report or provides records or information pursuant to subsection A, C or D, or who testifies in any judicial proceeding arising from such report, records or information, or who takes or causes to be taken with the adult's or the adult's legal representative's informed consent photographs, video recordings, or appropriate medical imaging of the adult who is subject of a report shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability on account of such report, records, information, photographs, video recordings, appropriate medical imaging or testimony, unless such person acted in bad faith or with a malicious purpose. Va. Code Ann. § 63.2-1606(E)

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Washington	(1) A person participating in good faith in making a report under this chapter or testifying about alleged abuse, neglect, abandonment, financial exploitation, or self-neglect of a vulnerable adult in a judicial or administrative proceeding under this chapter is immune from liability resulting from the report or testimony. The making of permissive reports as allowed in this chapter does not create any duty to report and no civil liability shall attach for any failure to make a permissive report as allowed under this chapter. Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 74.34.050(1)
West Virginia	Any person who in good faith makes or causes to be made any report permitted or required by this article shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability which might otherwise arise solely out of making such report. W.Va. Code § 9-6-12(a)
Wisconsin (EPS) Wis. Stat. Ann. § 46.90 <i>(applicable to persons who are 60 or older )</i>	<p>No person may be held civilly or criminally liable or be found guilty of unprofessional conduct for reporting in good faith under this subsection and within the scope of his or her authority, or for filing a report with an agency not listed in par. (ad) (intro.) or (ar) if the person had a good faith belief that the report was filed correctly with one of the listed agencies. Wis. Stat. Ann. § 46.90(4)(c)</p> <hr/> <p>Any person making a report under this subsection is presumed to have reported in good faith. Wis. Stat. Ann. § 46.90(4)(e)</p>
Wisconsin (APS) Wis. Stat. Ann. §§ 55.001 – 55.23 <i>(applicable to adults with disabilities)</i>	<p>No person may be held civilly or criminally liable or be found guilty of unprofessional conduct for reporting in good faith under this subsection, or for filing a report with an agency not listed in par. (b) (intro) or (br) if the person had a good faith belief that the report was filed correctly with one of the listed agencies. Wis. Stat. Ann. § 55.043(1m)(d)</p> <hr/> <p>Any person making a report under this subsection is presumed to have reported in good faith. Wis. Stat. Ann. § 55.043(1m)(f)</p>
Wyoming	<p>Any person or agency who knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a vulnerable adult is being or has been abused, neglected, exploited or abandoned or is committing self neglect shall report the information immediately to a law enforcement agency or the department. Anyone who in good faith makes a report pursuant to this section is immune from civil liability for making the report. Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-20-103(a)</p> <hr/> <p>(a) A person or agency filing a report under this act or testifying or otherwise participating in any judicial proceeding arising from a petition, report, or investigation is immune from civil or criminal liability on account of the person's petition, report, testimony or participation, unless the person knowingly or negligently reports information that is false or lacks factual foundation. The immunity provided under this subsection applies only to those persons whose professional communications are generally confidential or subject to the Wyoming Public Records Act, W.S. 16-4-201 et seq. including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Attorneys;</li> <li>(ii) Members of the clergy;</li> <li>(iii) Medical practitioners;</li> <li>(iv) Social workers;</li> </ul>

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	(v) Mental health professionals; (vi) Nursing home staff; assisted living facility staff; adult day care center staff; adult family-care home staff; social worker, or other professional adult care, residential or institutional staff; (vii) State, county or municipal criminal justice employees or law enforcement officers; and (viii) Bank, savings and loan or credit union officers, trustees or employees. Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-20-114(a)

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