

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: PROVISIONS AND CITATIONS IN ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES LAWS, BY STATE

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Yellow – Persons Required to Report to Adult Protective Services (APS)

STATE	STATUTORY CITATION(S) AND PROVISION(S)
Alabama	<p>Ala. Code § 38-9-8</p> <p>(a) All physicians and other practitioners of the healing arts or any caregiver having reasonable cause to believe that any protected person has been subjected to physical abuse, neglect, exploitation, sexual abuse, or emotional abuse shall report or cause a report to be made as follows:</p> <p>(1) An oral report, by telephone or otherwise, shall be made immediately, followed by a written report, to the county department of human resources or to the chief of police of the city or city and county, or to the sheriff of the county if the observation is made in an unincorporated territory, except that reports of a nursing home employee who abuses, neglects, or misappropriates the property of a nursing home resident shall be made to the Department of Public Health. The requirements to report suspicion of suspected abuse, neglect, or misappropriation of property of a nursing home resident by an employee of a nursing home shall be deemed satisfied if the report is made in accordance with the rules of the State Board of Health.</p> <p>(2) Within seven days following an oral report, an investigation of any alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation, sexual abuse, or emotional abuse shall be made by the county department of human resources or the law enforcement official, whichever receives the report, and a written report prepared which includes the following:</p> <p>a. Name, age, and address of the person.</p> <p>b. Nature and extent of injury suffered by the person.</p> <p>c. Any other facts or circumstances known to the reporter which may aid in the determination of appropriate action.</p> <p>(b) All reports prepared by a law enforcement official shall be forwarded to the county department of human resources within 24 hours.</p> <p>(c) The county department of human resources shall not be required to investigate any report of abuse, neglect, exploitation, sexual abuse, or emotional abuse that occurs in any facility owned and operated by the Alabama Department of Corrections or the Alabama Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.</p> <p>(d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Department of Public Health shall investigate all reports that a nursing home employee has abused or neglected a nursing home resident, or misappropriated the property of a nursing home resident, in accordance with the rules of the State Board of Health and the federal regulations and guidelines of the Medicaid and Medicare programs. The Department of Public Health shall investigate the complaints in accordance with the procedures and time frames</p>

	established by the agency. A county department of human resources shall not be required to investigate the complaints.
Alaska	<p>Alaska Stat. § 47.24.010(a) – (b) and (e) – (f)</p> <p>(a) Except as provided in (e) and (f) of this section, the following persons who, in the performance of their professional duties, have reasonable cause to believe that a vulnerable adult suffers from abandonment, exploitation, abuse, neglect, or self-neglect shall, not later than 24 hours after first having cause for the belief, report the belief to the department's central information and referral service for vulnerable adults:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) a physician or other licensed health care provider; (2) a mental health professional as defined in AS 47.30.915 (11) and including a marital and family therapist licensed under AS 08.63; (3) a pharmacist; (4) an administrator of a nursing home, residential care or health care facility; (5) a guardian or conservator; (6) a police officer; (7) a village public safety officer; (8) a village health aide; (9) a social worker; (10) a member of the clergy; (11) a staff employee of a project funded by the Department of Administration for the provision of services to older Alaskans, the Department of Health and Social Services, or the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; (12) an employee of a personal care or home health aide program; (13) an emergency medical technician or a mobile intensive care paramedic; (14) a caregiver of the vulnerable adult;

	<p>(15) a certified nurse aide.</p> <p>(b) A report made under this section may include the name and address of the reporting person and must include</p> <p>(1) the name and address of the vulnerable adult;</p> <p>(2) information relating to the nature and extent of the abandonment, exploitation, abuse, neglect, or self-neglect;</p> <p>(3) other information that the reporting person believes might be helpful in an investigation of the case or in providing protection for the vulnerable adult.</p> <p>(e) If a person making a report under this section believes that immediate action is necessary to protect the vulnerable adult from imminent risk of serious physical harm due to abandonment, exploitation, abuse, neglect, or self-neglect and the reporting person cannot immediately contact the department's central information and referral service for vulnerable adults, the reporting person may make the report to a police officer or a village public safety officer. The police officer or village public safety officer shall take immediate action to protect the vulnerable adult and shall, at the earliest opportunity, notify the department....</p> <p>(f) A person listed in (a) of this section who reports to the long term care ombudsman under AS 47.62.015, or to the Department of Health and Social Services, that a vulnerable adult has been exploited, abused, or neglected in an out-of-home care facility is considered to have met the duty to report under (a) of this section.</p>
Arizona	<p>Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 46-454(A)-(C)</p> <p>A. A physician, hospital intern or resident, surgeon, dentist, psychologist, social worker, peace officer or other person who has responsibility for the care of an incapacitated or vulnerable adult and who has a reasonable basis to believe that abuse or neglect of the adult has occurred or that exploitation of the adult's property has occurred shall immediately report or cause reports to be made of such reasonable basis to a peace officer or to a protective services worker. The guardian or conservator of an incapacitated or vulnerable adult shall immediately report or cause reports to be made of such reasonable basis to the superior court. All of the above reports shall be made immediately in person or by telephone and shall be followed by a written report mailed or delivered within forty-eight hours or on the next working day if the forty-eight hours expire on a weekend or holiday.</p> <p>B. An attorney, accountant, trustee, guardian, conservator or other person who has responsibility for preparing the tax records of an incapacitated or vulnerable adult or a person who has responsibility for any other action concerning the use or preservation of the incapacitated or vulnerable adult's property and who, in the course of fulfilling that responsibility, discovers a reasonable basis to believe that exploitation of the adult's property has occurred or that abuse or neglect of the adult has occurred shall immediately report or cause reports to be made of such reasonable basis to a peace officer, to a protective services worker or to the public fiduciary of the county in which the incapacitated or vulnerable adult resides. If the</p>

	<p>public fiduciary is unable to investigate the contents of a report, the public fiduciary shall immediately forward the report to a protective services worker. If a public fiduciary investigates a report and determines that the matter is outside the scope of action of a public fiduciary, then the report shall be immediately forwarded to a protective services worker. All of the above reports shall be made immediately in person or by telephone and shall be followed by a written report mailed or delivered within forty-eight hours or on the next working day if the forty-eight hours expire on a weekend or holiday.</p> <p>C. Reports pursuant to subsections A and B shall contain:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The names and addresses of the adult and any persons having control or custody of the adult, if known. 2. The adult's age and the nature and extent of his incapacity or vulnerability. 3. The nature and extent of the adult's injuries or physical neglect or of the exploitation of the adult's property. 4. Any other information that the person reporting believes might be helpful in establishing the cause of the adult's injuries or physical neglect or of the exploitation of the adult's property.
<p>Arkansas (#1) Ark. Code Ann. §§ 12-12-1701 – 12-12- 1721 (<i>relating to reporting & investigation</i>)</p>	<p>Ark. Code Ann. § 12-12-1708(a) – (c)</p> <p>(a)(1) Whenever any of the following persons has observed or has reasonable cause to suspect that an endangered person or an impaired person has been subjected to conditions or circumstances that constitute adult maltreatment or long-term care facility resident maltreatment, the person shall immediately report or cause a report to be made in accordance with the provisions of this section:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) A physician; (B) A surgeon; (C) A coroner; (D) A dentist; (E) A dental hygienist; (F) An osteopath; (G) A resident intern; (H) A nurse; (I) A member of a hospital's personnel who is engaged in the administration, examination, care, or treatment of persons; (J) A social worker; (K) A case manager; (L) A home health worker; (M) A mental health professional; (N) A peace officer; (O) A law enforcement officer; (P) A facility administrator or owner;

- (Q) An employee in a facility;
- (R) An employee of the Department of Health and Human Services;
- (S) A firefighter;
- (T) An emergency medical technician; or
- (U) An employee of a bank or other financial institution.

(2) Whenever a person is required to report under this subchapter in his or her capacity as a member of the staff, an employee in or owner of a facility, or an employee of the department, he or she shall immediately notify the person in charge of the institution, facility, or agency, or that person's designated agent, who shall then become responsible for making a report or cause a report to be made within twenty-four (24) hours or on the next business day, whichever is earlier....

(b)(1) A report for a long-term care facility resident shall be made:

- (A) Immediately to the local law enforcement agency for the jurisdiction in which the long-term care facility is located; and
- (B) To the Office of Long-Term Care of the Division of Medical Services of the Department of Health and Human Services, under regulations of that office.

(2) A report of a maltreated adult who does not reside in a long-term care facility shall be made to the adult and long-term care facility maltreatment hotline provided in § 12-12-1607.

(c) No privilege or contract shall relieve any person required by this subchapter to make a notification or report from the requirement of making the notification or report.

Ark. Code Ann. § 12-12-1709

(a)(1) Any person or official who is required to report a case of suspected adult maltreatment or long-term care facility resident maltreatment under this subchapter and who has reasonable cause to suspect that an adult or long-term care facility resident has died as a result of maltreatment shall report the suspected death from maltreatment to the appropriate medical examiner or coroner.

(2)(A) In all cases of the death of a long-term care facility resident or a hospice facility resident, the long-term care facility or the hospice facility shall immediately report the death to the appropriate coroner.

(B) The report is required regardless of whether the long-term care facility or the hospital believes the death to be from natural causes or the result of maltreatment or any other cause.

(3)(A) In all cases of the death in a hospital of a person who was a long-term care facility resident within five (5) days before entering the hospital, the hospital shall immediately report the death to the appropriate coroner.

(B) The report is required regardless of whether the hospital believes the death to be from natural causes, the result of maltreatment, or any other cause.

(b)(1) The medical examiner or coroner shall accept the report for investigation and upon finding reasonable cause to suspect that a person has died as a result of maltreatment shall report the findings to a law enforcement agency and the appropriate prosecuting attorney.

	<p>(2) If the institution making the report is a hospital or long-term care facility, the medical examiner or coroner shall report the findings to the hospital or long-term care facility unless the findings are part of a pending or ongoing law enforcement investigation.</p> <p>(c) If it receives findings under subdivision (b)(2) of this section, the medical examiner, coroner, or hospital shall also report findings under subdivision (b) of this section to the Department of Health and Human Services if:</p> <p>(1) Reasonable cause exists to believe the death resulted from maltreatment; or</p> <p>(2) Upon request of the department and there is a pending investigation concerning allegations of maltreatment occurring before death.</p>
<p>Arkansas (#2) Ark. Code Ann. §§ 9-20-101 – 9-20-121 (authorizing APS to take victims into protective custody)</p>	<p>Ark. Code Ann. § 9-20-101 et. seq.</p> <p>This Act does not contain any provisions related to reporting.</p>
<p>California</p>	<p>Cal. Welf. & Inst. Code § 15630(a) – (f)</p> <p>(a) Any person who has assumed full or intermittent responsibility for the care or custody of an elder or dependent adult, whether or not he or she receives compensation, including administrators, supervisors, and any licensed staff of a public or private facility that provides care or services for elder or dependent adults, or any elder or dependent adult care custodian, health practitioner, clergy member, or employee of a county adult protective services agency or a local law enforcement agency, is a mandated reporter.</p> <p>(b)(1) Any mandated reporter who, in his or her professional capacity, or within the scope of his or her employment, has observed or has knowledge of an incident that reasonably appears to be physical abuse, as defined in Section 15610.63 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, abandonment, abduction, isolation, financial abuse, or neglect, or is told by an elder or dependent adult that he or she has experienced behavior, including an act or omission, constituting physical abuse, as defined in Section 15610.63 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, abandonment, abduction, isolation, financial abuse, or neglect, or reasonably suspects that abuse, shall report the known or suspected instance of abuse by telephone immediately or as soon as practicably possible, and by written report sent within two working days, as follows:</p> <p>(A) If the abuse has occurred in a long-term care facility, except a state mental health hospital or a state developmental center, the report shall be made to the local ombudsperson or the local law enforcement agency.</p> <p>Except in an emergency, the local ombudsperson and the local law enforcement agency shall, as soon as practicable, do all of the following:</p> <p>(i) Report to the State Department of Health Services any case of known or suspected abuse occurring in a long-term health</p>

care facility, as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 1418 of the Health and Safety Code.

(ii) Report to the State Department of Social Services any case of known or suspected abuse occurring in a residential care facility for the elderly, as defined in Section 1569.2 of the Health and Safety Code, or in an adult day care facility, as defined in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 1502.

(iii) Report to the State Department of Health Services and the California Department of Aging any case of known or suspected abuse occurring in an adult day health care center, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 1570.7 of the Health and Safety Code.

(iv) Report to the Bureau of Medi-Cal Fraud and Elder Abuse any case of known or suspected criminal activity.

(B) If the suspected or alleged abuse occurred in a state mental hospital or a state developmental center, the report shall be made to designated investigators of the State Department of Mental Health or the State Department of Developmental Services, or to the local law enforcement agency.

Except in an emergency, the local law enforcement agency shall, as soon as practicable, report any case of known or suspected criminal activity to the Bureau of Medi-Cal Fraud and Elder Abuse.

(C) If the abuse has occurred any place other than one described in subparagraph (A), the report shall be made to the adult protective services agency or the local law enforcement agency.

(2)(A) A mandated reporter who is a clergy member who acquires knowledge or reasonable suspicion of elder or dependent adult abuse during a penitential communication is not subject to paragraph (1). For purposes of this subdivision, "penitential communication" means a communication that is intended to be in confidence, including, but not limited to, a sacramental confession made to a clergy member who, in the course of the discipline or practice of his or her church, denomination, or organization is authorized or accustomed to hear those communications and under the discipline tenets, customs, or practices of his or her church, denomination, or organization, has a duty to keep those communications secret.

(B) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to modify or limit a clergy member's duty to report known or suspected elder and dependent adult abuse when he or she is acting in the capacity of a care custodian, health practitioner, or employee of an adult protective services agency.

(C) Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, a clergy member who is not regularly employed on either a full-time or part-time basis in a long-term care facility or does not have care or custody of an elder or dependent adult shall not be responsible for reporting abuse or neglect that is not reasonably observable or discernible to a reasonably prudent person having no specialized training or experience in elder or dependent care.

(3)(A) A mandated reporter who is a physician and surgeon, a registered nurse, or a psychotherapist, as defined in Section 1010 of the Evidence Code, shall not be required to report, pursuant to paragraph (1), an incident where all of the following conditions exist:

(i) The mandated reporter has been told by an elder or dependent adult that he or she has experienced behavior constituting physical abuse, as defined in Section 15610.63 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, abandonment, abduction, isolation, financial abuse, or neglect.

(ii) The mandated reporter is not aware of any independent evidence that corroborates the statement that the abuse has occurred.

(iii) The elder or dependent adult has been diagnosed with a mental illness or dementia, or is the subject of a court-ordered conservatorship because of a mental illness or dementia.

(iv) In the exercise of clinical judgment, the physician and surgeon, the registered nurse, or the psychotherapist, as defined in Section 1010 of the Evidence Code, reasonably believes that the abuse did not occur.

(B) This paragraph shall not be construed to impose upon mandated reporters a duty to investigate a known or suspected incident of abuse and shall not be construed to lessen or restrict any existing duty of mandated reporters.

(4)(A) In a long-term care facility, a mandated reporter shall not be required to report as a suspected incident of abuse, as defined in Section 15610.07, an incident where all of the following conditions exist:

(i) The mandated reporter is aware that there is a proper plan of care.

(ii) The mandated reporter is aware that the plan of care was properly provided or executed.

(iii) A physical, mental, or medical injury occurred as a result of care provided pursuant to clause (i) or (ii).

(iv) The mandated reporter reasonably believes that the injury was not the result of abuse.

(B) This paragraph shall not be construed to require a mandated reporter to seek, nor to preclude a mandated reporter from seeking, information regarding a known or suspected incident of abuse prior to reporting. This paragraph shall apply only to those categories of mandated reporters that the State Department of Health Services determines, upon approval by the Bureau of Medi-Cal Fraud and Elder Abuse and the state long-term care ombudsperson, have access to plans of care and have the training and experience necessary to determine whether the conditions specified in this section have been met.

(c)(1) Any mandated reporter who has knowledge, or reasonably suspects, that types of elder or dependent adult abuse for

	<p>which reports are not mandated have been inflicted upon an elder or dependent adult, or that his or her emotional well-being is endangered in any other way, may report the known or suspected instance of abuse.</p> <p>(2) If the suspected or alleged abuse occurred in a long-term care facility other than a state mental health hospital or a state developmental center, the report may be made to the long-term care ombudsperson program. Except in an emergency, the local ombudsperson shall report any case of known or suspected abuse to the State Department of Health Services and any case of known or suspected criminal activity to the Bureau of Medi-Cal Fraud and Elder Abuse, as soon as is practicable.</p> <p>(3) If the suspected or alleged abuse occurred in a state mental health hospital or a state developmental center, the report may be made to the designated investigator of the State Department of Mental Health or the State Department of Developmental Services or to a local law enforcement agency or to the local ombudsperson. Except in an emergency, the local ombudsperson and the local law enforcement agency shall report any case of known or suspected criminal activity to the Bureau of Medi-Cal Fraud and Elder Abuse, as soon as is practicable.</p> <p>(4) If the suspected or alleged abuse occurred in a place other than a place described in paragraph (2) or (3), the report may be made to the county adult protective services agency.</p> <p>(5) If the conduct involves criminal activity not covered in subdivision (b), it may be immediately reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.</p> <p>(d) When two or more mandated reporters are present and jointly have knowledge or reasonably suspect that types of abuse of an elder or a dependent adult for which a report is or is not mandated have occurred, and when there is agreement among them, the telephone report may be made by a member of the team selected by mutual agreement, and a single report may be made and signed by the selected member of the reporting team. Any member who has knowledge that the member designated to report has failed to do so shall thereafter make the report.</p> <p>(e) A telephone report of a known or suspected instance of elder or dependent adult abuse shall include, if known, the name of the person making the report, the name and age of the elder or dependent adult, the present location of the elder or dependent adult, the names and addresses of family members or any other adult responsible for the elder's or dependent adult's care, the nature and extent of the elder's or dependent adult's condition, the date of the incident, and any other information, including information that led that person to suspect elder or dependent adult abuse, as requested by the agency receiving the report.</p> <p>(f) The reporting duties under this section are individual, and no supervisor or administrator shall impede or inhibit the reporting duties, and no person making the report shall be subject to any sanction for making the report. However, internal procedures to facilitate reporting, ensure confidentiality, and apprise supervisors and administrators of reports may be established, provided they are not inconsistent with this chapter.</p>
Colorado	Colo. Rev. Stat. § 26-3.1-102(1) - (3)

(1)(a) An immediate oral report of abuse should be made or caused to be made within twenty-four hours to the county department or during non-business hours to a local law enforcement agency responsible for investigating violations of state criminal laws protecting at-risk adults by any person specified in paragraph (b) of this subsection (1) who has observed the mistreatment or self-neglect of an at-risk adult or who has reasonable cause to believe that an at-risk adult has been mistreated or is self-neglected and is at imminent risk of mistreatment or self-neglect.

(b) The following persons are urged to make or initiate an initial oral report within twenty-four hours followed by a written report within forty-eight hours:

(I) Physicians, surgeons, physicians' assistants, or osteopaths, including physicians in training;

(II) Medical examiners or coroners;

(III) Registered nurses or licensed practical nurses;

(IV) Hospital and nursing home personnel engaged in the admission, care, or treatment of patients;

(V) Psychologists and other mental health professionals;

(VI) Social work practitioners;

(VII) Dentists;

(VIII) Law enforcement officials and personnel;

(IX) Court-appointed guardians and conservators;

(X) Fire protection personnel;

(XI) Pharmacists;

(XII) Community centered board staff;

(XIII) Personnel of banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions, and other lending or financial institutions;

(XIV) State and local long-term care ombudsmen;

(XV) Any caretaker, staff member, or employee of or volunteer or consultant for any licensed care facility, agency, home, or

governing board.

(c) In addition to those persons urged by this subsection (1) to report known or suspected mistreatment or self-neglect of an at-risk adult and circumstances or conditions which might reasonably result in mistreatment or self-neglect, any other person may report such known or suspected mistreatment or self-neglect and circumstances or conditions which might reasonably result in mistreatment or self-neglect of an at-risk adult to the local law enforcement agency or the county department. Upon receipt of such report, the receiving agency shall prepare a written report within forty-eight hours.

(2) Pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the report shall include: The name and address of the at-risk adult; the name and address of the at-risk adult's caretaker, if any; the age, if known, of such at-risk adult; the nature and extent of such at-risk adult's injury, if any; the nature and extent of the condition that will reasonably result in mistreatment or self-neglect; and any other pertinent information.

(3) A copy of the report prepared by the county department in accordance with subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall be forwarded within twenty-four hours to the district attorney's office and the local law enforcement agency. A report prepared by the local law enforcement agency shall be forwarded within twenty-four hours to the county department and to the district attorney's office.

Colo. Rev. Stat. § 26-3.1-204(1) – (3)

(1)(a) Any person specified in paragraph (b) of this subsection (1) who observes an at-risk adult being subjected to circumstances or conditions that may reasonably result in the financial exploitation of the at-risk adult or who has reasonable cause to know or suspect that an at-risk adult has been financially exploited is strongly urged to submit, within twenty-four hours after such observation or after obtaining such reasonable cause, an oral report of known or suspected financial exploitation. Said person may submit the report to the county department of the county in which the at-risk adult resides, if known, or, during non-business hours, to the local law enforcement agency for the jurisdiction in which the at-risk adult resides.

(b) The following persons are strongly urged to report known or suspected financial exploitation of at-risk adults, as provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection (1):

(I) Physicians, surgeons, physicians' assistants, and osteopaths, including physicians in training;

(II) Registered nurses and licensed practical nurses;

(III) Hospital and nursing home personnel engaged in the admission, care, or treatment of patients;

(IV) Dentists;

- (V) Psychologists and other mental health professionals;
 - (VI) Social work practitioners;
 - (VII) Law enforcement officials and personnel;
 - (VIII) Court-appointed guardians and conservators;
 - (IX) Pharmacists;
 - (X) Community-centered board staff;
 - (XI) Personnel of financial institutions;
 - (XII) State and local long-term care ombudsmen;
 - (XIII) Any caretaker, staff member, or employee of or volunteer at or consultant for any licensed care facility, or nursing facility;
 - (XIV) Attorneys, so long as such reporting does not violate the Colorado rules of professional conduct.
- (c) In addition to those persons who are strongly urged under paragraph (b) of this subsection (1) to report known or suspected financial exploitation of an at-risk adult, any other person may report such known or suspected financial exploitation of an at-risk adult to the local law enforcement agency or the county department of the jurisdiction in which the at-risk adult resides. The receiving agency shall prepare a written report within forty-eight hours after receipt of such a report.
- (2) The written report made by a receiving agency pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of this section at a minimum shall include:
- (a) The name and address of the at-risk adult;
 - (b) The name and address of the at-risk adult's caretaker, if any;
 - (c) The age, if known, of such at-risk adult;
 - (d) The nature and extent of such at-risk adult's financial injury, if any;

	<p>(e) The nature and extent of the condition or circumstance that is likely to result in financial exploitation; and</p> <p>(f) Any other pertinent information.</p> <p>(3) A copy of the written report prepared by the county department in accordance with subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall be forwarded within twenty-four hours after receipt of an oral report made pursuant to subsection (1) of this section to the district attorney's office and the local law enforcement agency of the jurisdiction in which the at-risk adult resides. A copy of the written report prepared by the local law enforcement agency in accordance with subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall be forwarded within twenty-four hours after receipt of an oral report made pursuant to subsection (1) of this section to the county department and to the district attorney's office.</p>
Connecticut	<p>Conn. Gen. Stat. § 17b-451(a)</p> <p>(a) Any physician or surgeon licensed under the provisions of chapter 370, any resident physician or intern in any hospital in this state, whether or not so licensed, any registered nurse, any nursing home administrator, nurse's aide or orderly in a nursing home facility, any person paid for caring for a patient in a nursing home facility, any staff person employed by a nursing home facility, any patients' advocate and any licensed practical nurse, medical examiner, dentist, optometrist, chiropractor, podiatrist, social worker, clergyman, police officer, pharmacist, psychologist or physical therapist, who has reasonable cause to suspect or believe that any elderly person has been abused, neglected, exploited or abandoned, or is in a condition which is the result of such abuse, neglect, exploitation or abandonment, or is in need of protective services, shall, not later than seventy-two hours after such suspicion or belief arose, report such information or cause a report to be made in any reasonable manner to the Commissioner of Social Services or to the person or persons designated by the commissioner to receive such reports.</p> <p>(b) Such report shall contain the name and address of the involved elderly person, information regarding the nature and extent of the abuse, neglect, exploitation or abandonment, and any other information which the reporter believes might be helpful in an investigation of the case and the protection of such elderly person.</p> <hr/> <p>Conn. Gen. Stat. § 17b-460</p> <p>If, as a result of any investigation initiated under the provisions of sections 17b-450 to 17b-461, inclusive, a determination is made that a caretaker or other person has abused, neglected, exploited or abandoned an elderly person, such information shall be referred in writing to the Chief State's Attorney or the Chief State's Attorney's designee who shall conduct such further investigation, if any, as deemed necessary and shall determine whether criminal proceedings should be initiated against such caretaker or other person, in accordance with applicable state law.</p>
Delaware	<p>Del. Code Ann. tit. 31, § 3910(a)</p> <p>(a) Any person having reasonable cause to believe that an adult person is infirm or incapacitated as defined in § 3902 of this title and is in need of protective services as defined in § 3904 of this title shall report such information to the Department of</p>

	<p>Health and Social Services.</p>
<p>District of Columbia</p>	<p>D.C. Code Ann. § 7-1903(a)(1)</p> <p>(a)(1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, whenever a conservator, court-appointed mental retardation advocate, guardian, health-care administrator, licensed health professional, police officer, bank manager, financial manager, or social worker has as a result of his or her appointment, employment, or practice substantial cause to believe that an adult is in need of protective services because of abuse, neglect or exploitation by another, he or she shall immediately report this belief in accordance with subsection (c) of this section. (2) Any person may voluntarily report an alleged case of abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or exploitation when he or she has reason to believe that an adult is in need of protective services. Voluntary reporting shall also be effected in accordance with subsection (c) of this section.</p> <p>(b) The duty to report established by subsection (a)(1) of this section shall not apply to a social worker or licensed health professional who has as a client or patient, or is employed by a lawyer representing, a third person who is allegedly responsible for the abuse or neglect.</p> <p>(c) A report made pursuant to this section may be either oral or written and shall be transmitted to the division within the Department designated by the Mayor to receive these reports. Each report shall include, if known: The name, age, physical description, and location of the adult alleged to be in need of protective services; the name and location of the person(s) allegedly responsible for the abuse, neglect, or exploitation; the nature and extent of the abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or exploitation; the basis of the reporter's knowledge; and any other information the reporter believes might be helpful to an investigation. A reporter may be required to identify himself or herself only when obliged to report under subsection (a)(1) of this section.</p> <hr/> <p>D.C. Code Ann. § 7-1904(a)(3)</p> <p>If a report alleges the existence of an immediate, substantial risk of life-threatening harm to an adult in need of protective services, the Department shall immediately notify the police, who shall conduct a prompt investigation to determine the need for police intervention. In addition, within 24 hours of the Department's receiving such a report, an APS worker shall commence an investigation to determine the need for protective services. These 2 investigations may be conducted either jointly or separately.</p>
<p>Florida</p>	<p>Fla. Stat. Ann. § 415.1034</p> <p>(1) Mandatory reporting.--</p> <p>(a) Any person, including, but not limited to, any:</p> <p>1. Physician, osteopathic physician, medical examiner, chiropractic physician, nurse, paramedic, emergency medical technician, or hospital personnel engaged in the admission, examination, care, or treatment of vulnerable adults;</p>

2. Health professional or mental health professional other than one listed in subparagraph 1.;
3. Practitioner who relies solely on spiritual means for healing;
4. 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;
5. State, county, or municipal criminal justice employee or law enforcement officer;
6. An employee of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation conducting inspections of public lodging establishments under s. 509.032;
7. Florida advocacy council member or long-term care ombudsman council member; or
8. Bank, savings and loan, or credit union officer, trustee, or employee,

who knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect, that a vulnerable adult has been or is being abused, neglected, or exploited shall immediately report such knowledge or suspicion to the central abuse hotline.

(b) To the extent possible, a report made pursuant to paragraph (a) must contain, but need not be limited to, the following information:

1. Name, age, race, sex, physical description, and location of each victim alleged to have been abused, neglected, or exploited.
2. Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the victim's family members.
3. Name, address, and telephone number of each alleged perpetrator.
4. Name, address, and telephone number of the caregiver of the victim, if different from the alleged perpetrator.
5. Name, address, and telephone number of the person reporting the alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation.
6. Description of the physical or psychological injuries sustained.
7. Actions taken by the reporter, if any, such as notification of the criminal justice agency.
8. Any other information available to the reporting person which may establish the cause of abuse, neglect, or exploitation

	<p>that occurred or is occurring.</p> <p>(2) Mandatory reports of death.--Any person who is required to investigate reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation and who has reasonable cause to suspect that a vulnerable adult died as a result of abuse, neglect, or exploitation shall immediately report the suspicion to the appropriate medical examiner, to the appropriate criminal justice agency, and to the department, notwithstanding the existence of a death certificate signed by a practicing physician. The medical examiner shall accept the report for investigation pursuant to s. 406.11 and shall report the findings of the investigation, in writing, to the appropriate local criminal justice agency, the appropriate state attorney, and the department. Autopsy reports maintained by the medical examiner are not subject to the confidentiality requirements provided for in s. 415.107.</p> <hr/> <p>Fla. Stat. Ann. § 415.1055(2) – (6)</p> <p>(2) If at any time during a protective investigation the department has reasonable cause to believe that a vulnerable adult has been abused, neglected, or exploited by another person, the state attorney having jurisdiction in the county in which the abuse, neglect, or exploitation occurred shall be notified immediately, either orally or in writing.</p> <p>(3) If at any time during a protective investigation the department has reasonable cause to believe that a vulnerable adult has been abused, neglected, or exploited by another person, the appropriate law enforcement agency shall be immediately notified. Such agency may begin a criminal investigation concurrent with or independent of the protective investigation of the department. This notification may be oral or written.</p> <p>(4) If at any time during a protective investigation the department has reasonable cause to believe that abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable adult has occurred within a facility that receives Medicaid funds, the department shall notify the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit within the Department of Legal Affairs, Office of the Attorney General, in order that it may begin an investigation concurrent with the protective investigation of the department. This notification may be oral or written.</p> <p>(5) If at any time during a protective investigation the department has reasonable cause to believe that an employee of a facility, as defined in s. 415.102, is the alleged perpetrator of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable adult, the department shall notify the Agency for Health Care Administration, Division of Health Quality Assurance, in writing.</p> <p>(6) If at any time during a protective investigation the department has reasonable cause to believe that professional licensure violations have occurred, the department shall notify the Division of Medical Quality Assurance within the Department of Health. This notification must be in writing.</p>
Georgia	<p>Ga. Code Ann. § 30-5-4(a)(1) and (b)</p> <p>(A) Any physician, osteopath, intern, resident, other hospital or medical personnel, dentist, psychologist, chiropractor, podiatrist, pharmacist, physical therapist, occupational therapist, licensed professional counselor, nursing personnel, social work personnel, day-care personnel, coroner, medical examiner, employee of a public or private agency engaged in</p>

	<p>professional health related services to elder persons or disabled adults, or law enforcement personnel having reasonable cause to believe that a disabled adult or elder person has had a physical injury or injuries inflicted upon such disabled adult or elder person, other than by accidental means, or has been neglected or exploited shall report or cause reports to be made in accordance with the provisions of this Code section.</p> <p>(B) Except as provided in this paragraph, any employee of a financial institution, as defined in Code Section 7-1-4, having reasonable cause to believe that a disabled adult or elder person has been exploited shall report or cause reports to be made in accordance with the provisions of this Code section; provided, however, that this obligation shall not apply to any employee of a financial institution while that employee is acting as a fiduciary, as defined in Code Section 7-1-4, but only for such assets that the employee is holding or managing in a fiduciary capacity.</p> <p>(C) When the person having a reasonable cause to believe that a disabled adult or elder person is in need of protective services performs services as a member of the staff of a hospital, social agency, financial institution, or similar facility, such person shall notify the person in charge of the facility and such person or that person's designee shall report or cause reports to be made in accordance with the provisions of this Code section.</p> <p>(b)(1) A report that a disabled adult or elder person who is not a resident of a long-term care facility as defined in Code Section 31-8-80 is in need of protective services or has been the victim of abuse, neglect, or exploitation shall be made to an adult protection agency providing protective services, as designated by the department or, if such agency is unavailable, to an appropriate law enforcement agency or prosecuting attorney. If a report of a disabled adult or elder person abuse is made to an adult protection agency or independently discovered by the agency and the agency has reasonable cause to believe such report is true, then the agency shall immediately notify the appropriate law enforcement agency or prosecuting attorney. If the disabled adult or elder person is a resident of a long-term care facility as defined in Code Section 31-8-80, a report shall be made in accordance with Article 4 of Chapter 8 of Title 31. If a report made in accordance with the provisions of this Code section alleges that the abuse or exploitation occurred within a long-term care facility, such report shall be investigated in accordance with Articles 3 and 4 of Chapter 8 of Title 31.</p> <p>(2) The report may be made by oral or written communication. The report shall include the name and address of the disabled adult or elder person and should include the name and address of the disabled adult's or elder person's caretaker, the age of the disabled adult or elder person, the nature and extent of the disabled adult's or elder person's injury or condition resulting from abuse, exploitation, or neglect, and other pertinent information. All such reports prepared by a law enforcement agency shall be forwarded to the director within 24 hours.</p>
Guam	<p>10 Guam Code Ann. § 2952(a)-(b) and (d)-(e)</p> <p>(a) Any person who, in the course of his or her employment, occupation or professional practice comes into contact with elderly or disabled adults, has actual knowledge or reasonable cause to believe that an elderly or disabled adults is suffering from or has died as a result of abuse as defined in § 2951, shall immediately make a verbal report of such information or cause a report to be made to the Adult Protective Services Unit and shall, within forty-eight (48) hours, make a written report to the unit.</p>

	<p>(b) Persons required to report abuse under subsection (A) include but are not limited to physicians, medical interns, medical examiners, nurses, chiropractors, hospital personnel engaged in the admission, examination, care or treatment of persons, social workers, employees of nursing homes and adult day care facilities, police officers, probation officers and employees of homemaker service agencies.</p> <p>(d) Oral or written reports from persons required to report under subsection A and B shall include the following information, if available:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The name of the person making the report and where he or she can be reached. The identity of the person making the report shall be confidential, but made available to an agency contracted by the Adult Protective Services to provide case investigation. (2) The name, address and approximate age of the elderly or disabled adult. (3) Information regarding the nature and extent of the abuse, the name of the person's caretaker, if known, and any medical treatment being received or immediately required, if known. (4) The name of the person or persons responsible for causing the suspected abuse. (5) The source of the report. (6) Any other information which may assist in the investigation of the suspected abuse. The identity of the person making the report shall be confidential. <p>(e) Reports of elderly or disabled adult abuse may be made anonymously under this Chapter.</p> <hr/> <p>10 Guam Code Ann § 2956(c)</p> <p>(c) Determine within sixty (60) days whether the report is substantiated or unsubstantiated. If the assessment results in determination that the elderly or disabled adult has suffered serious abuse, report such determination to the Attorney General within forty-eight (48) hours. The Attorney General may investigate and decide whether to initiate criminal proceedings.</p>
Hawaii	<p>Haw. Rev. Stat. § 346-224(a) – (b)</p> <p>(a) The following persons who, in the performance of their professional or official duties, know or have reason to believe that a dependent adult has been abused and is threatened with imminent abuse shall promptly report the matter orally to the department of human services:</p> <p>(1) Any licensed or registered professional of the healing arts and any health-related occupation who examines, treats, or provides other professional or specialized services to dependent adults, including, but not limited to, physicians, physicians in training, psychologists, dentists, nurses, osteopathic physicians and surgeons, optometrists, chiropractors, podiatrists, pharmacists, and other health-related professionals;</p>

	<p>(2) Employees or officers of any public or private agency or institution providing social, medical, hospital or mental health services, including financial assistance;</p> <p>(3) Employees or officers of any law enforcement including, but not limited to, the courts, police departments, correctional institutions, and parole or probation offices;</p> <p>(4) Employees or officers of any adult residential care home, adult day care center, or similar institution; and</p> <p>(5) Medical examiners or coroners.</p> <p>(b) The initial oral report required by subsection (a) shall be followed as soon as possible by a written report to the department; provided that where a police department is the initiating agency, a written report shall not be required unless the police department has declined to take further action and the department informs the police department that it intends to pursue the matter of the orally reported incident of abuse. All written reports shall contain the name and address of the dependent adult and the person who or care organization or care facility which is alleged to have committed or been responsible for the dependent adult abuse, if known; the nature and extent of the dependent adult's injury or harm; and any other information the reporter believes might be helpful in establishing the cause of the dependent adult abuse.</p>
Idaho	<p>Idaho Code § 39-5303(1)</p> <p>(1) Any physician, nurse, employee of a public or private health facility, or a state licensed or certified residential facility serving vulnerable adults, medical examiner, dentist, ombudsman for the elderly, osteopath, optometrist, chiropractor, podiatrist, social worker, police officer, pharmacist, physical therapist, or home care worker who has reasonable cause to believe that a vulnerable adult is being or has been abused, neglected or exploited shall immediately report such information to the commission. Provided however, that nursing facilities defined in section 39-1301(b), Idaho Code, and employees of such facilities shall make reports required under this chapter to the department. When there is reasonable cause to believe that abuse or sexual assault has resulted in death or serious physical injury jeopardizing the life, health or safety of a vulnerable adult, any person required to report under this section shall also report such information within four (4) hours to the appropriate law enforcement agency.</p> <hr/> <p>Idaho Code § 39-5303A</p> <p>(1) The requirements set forth in section 39-5303, Idaho Code, pertaining to the reporting of instances of abuse, neglect or exploitation of a vulnerable adult to the commission or the department shall not apply to situations involving resident-to-resident contact within public or private health facilities or state licensed or certified facilities which serve vulnerable adults, except in those cases involving sex abuse, death or serious physical injury that jeopardizes the life, health or safety of a vulnerable adult or repeated resident-to-resident physical or verbal altercations, not resulting in observable physical or mental injury, but constituting an ongoing pattern of resident behavior that a facility's staff are unable to remedy through reasonable efforts.</p>

(2) This exemption applies only to reports involving resident-to-resident abuse that are to be directed to the commission or the department pursuant to section 39-5303, Idaho Code. This exemption shall not limit any other reporting obligation or requirement whether statutory or otherwise.

Idaho Code § 39-5304

(1) When a report is required pursuant to this chapter, such report shall be made immediately to the commission or appropriate contractor. Provided however, that nursing facilities defined in section 39-1301(b), Idaho Code, and employees of such facilities shall make reports required under this chapter to the department. If known, the report shall contain the name and address of the vulnerable adult; the caretaker; the alleged perpetrator; the nature and extent of suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation; and any other information that will be of assistance in the investigation.

Idaho Code § 39-5310(1)

(1) If, as the result of any investigation initiated under the provisions of this chapter, it appears that the abuse, neglect, or exploitation has caused injury or a serious imposition on the rights of the vulnerable adult, the commission shall immediately notify the appropriate law enforcement agency which shall initiate an investigation and shall determine whether criminal proceedings should be initiated against the caretaker or other persons in accordance with applicable state law. Notwithstanding the prohibition against disclosure of names of persons associated with the written report of an investigation as provided in section 39-5304, Idaho Code, the commission shall disclose names associated with the written report when notification is made as required in this section.

Illinois

320 Ill. Comp. Stat. 20/2(f-5)

(f-5) "Mandated reporter" means any of the following persons while engaged in carrying out their professional duties:
(1) a professional or professional's delegate while engaged in: (i) social services, (ii) law enforcement, (iii) education, (iv) the care of an eligible adult or eligible adults, or (v) any of the occupations required to be licensed under the Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act, the Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act, the Illinois Dental Practice Act, the Dietetic and Nutrition Services Practice Act, the Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing Act, the Medical Practice Act of 1987, the Naprapathic Practice Act, the Nursing and Advanced Practice Nursing Act, the Nursing Home Administrators Licensing and Disciplinary Act, the Illinois Occupational Therapy Practice Act, the Illinois Optometric Practice Act of 1987, the Pharmacy Practice Act of 1987, the Illinois Physical Therapy Act, the Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987, the Podiatric Medical Practice Act of 1987, the Respiratory Care Practice Act, the Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing Act, the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act, the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004, and the Illinois Public Accounting Act;
(2) an employee of a vocational rehabilitation facility prescribed or supervised by the Department of Human Services;
(3) an administrator, employee, or person providing services in or through an unlicensed community based facility;
(4) a Christian Science Practitioner;

- (5) field personnel of the Department of Public Aid, Department of Public Health, and Department of Human Services, and any county or municipal health department;
- (6) personnel of the Department of Human Services, the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission, the State Fire Marshal, local fire departments, the Department on Aging and its subsidiary Area Agencies on Aging and provider agencies, and the Office of State Long Term Care Ombudsman;
- (7) any employee of the State of Illinois not otherwise specified herein who is involved in providing services to eligible adults, including professionals providing medical or rehabilitation services and all other persons having direct contact with eligible adults;
- (8) a person who performs the duties of a coroner or medical examiner; or
- (9) a person who performs the duties of a paramedic or an emergency medical technician.

320 Ill. Comp. Stat. 20/4(a-5)

(a-5) If any mandated reporter has reason to believe that an eligible adult, who because of dysfunction is unable to seek assistance for himself or herself, has, within the previous 12 months, been subjected to abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation, the mandated reporter shall, within 24 hours after developing such belief, report this suspicion to an agency designated to receive such reports under this Act or to the Department. Whenever a mandated reporter is required to report under this Act in his or her capacity as a member of the staff of a medical or other public or private institution, facility, board and care home, or agency, he or she shall make a report to an agency designated to receive such reports under this Act or to the Department in accordance with the provisions of this Act and may also notify the person in charge of the institution, facility, board and care home, or agency or his or her designated agent that the report has been made. Under no circumstances shall any person in charge of such institution, facility, board and care home, or agency, or his or her designated agent to whom the notification has been made, exercise any control, restraint, modification, or other change in the report or the forwarding of the report to an agency designated to receive such reports under this Act or to the Department. The privileged quality of communication between any professional person required to report and his or her patient or client shall not apply to situations involving abused, neglected, or financially exploited eligible adults and shall not constitute grounds for failure to report as required by this Act.

320 Ill. Comp. Stat. 20/5(b)

(b) A provider agency shall refer evidence of crimes against an eligible adult to the appropriate law enforcement agency according to Department policies. A referral to law enforcement may be made at intake or any time during the case. Where a provider agency has reason to believe the death of an eligible adult may be the result of abuse or neglect, the agency shall immediately report the matter to the coroner or medical examiner and shall cooperate fully with any subsequent investigation.

Indiana	<p>Ind. Code Ann. § 12-10-3-9(a)</p> <p>(a) An individual who believes or has reason to believe that another individual is an endangered adult shall make a report under this chapter.</p>
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(b) If an individual is required to make a report under this chapter in the individual's capacity as a member of the staff of a medical or other public or private institution, school, hospital, facility, or agency, the individual shall immediately notify the individual in charge of the institution, school, hospital, facility, or agency, or the individual's designated agent, who also becomes responsible to report or cause a report to be made.

(c) This section does not relieve an individual of the obligation to report on the individual's own behalf, unless a report has already been made to the best of the individual's belief.

Ind. Code Ann. § 12-10-3-10

(a) Each endangered adult report made under this chapter shall be communicated immediately to at least one (1) of the following:

- (1) The adult protective services unit.
- (2) A law enforcement agency.
- (3) The division by telephone on the statewide toll free telephone number established under section 12 of this chapter.

(b) A law enforcement agency that receives an endangered adult report shall immediately communicate the report to the adult protective services unit and the unit shall notify the division of the report.

(c) Reports must include as much of the following information as is known:

- (1) The name, age, and address of the endangered adult.
- (2) The names and addresses of family members or other persons financially responsible for the endangered adult's care or other individuals who may be able to provide relevant information.
- (3) The apparent nature and extent of the alleged neglect, battery, or exploitation and the endangered adult's physical and mental condition.
- (4) The name, address, and telephone number of the reporter and the basis of the reporter's knowledge.
- (5) The name and address of the alleged offender.
- (6) Any other relevant information regarding the circumstances of the endangered adult.

Iowa

Iowa Code § 235B.3(2)-(3)(a) and (9)

2. A person who, in the course of employment, examines, attends, counsels, or treats a dependent adult and reasonably believes the dependent adult has suffered abuse, shall report the suspected dependent adult abuse to the department including all of the following:

- a. A member of the staff of a community mental health center, a member of the staff of a hospital, a member of the staff or employee of a public or private health care facility as defined in section 135C.1, a member of the staff or employee of an elder group home as defined in section 231B.1, a member of the staff or employee of an assisted living program certified

	<p>under section 231C.3, and a member of the staff or employee of an adult day services program as defined in section 231D.1.</p> <p>b. A peace officer.</p> <p>c. An in-home homemaker-home health aide.</p> <p>d. An individual employed as an outreach person.</p> <p>e. A health practitioner, as defined in section 232.68.</p> <p>f. A member of the staff or an employee of a supported community living service, sheltered workshop, or work activity center.</p> <p>g. A social worker.</p> <p>h. A certified psychologist.</p> <p>3. a. If a staff member or employee is required to report pursuant to this section, the person shall immediately notify the department and shall also immediately notify the person in charge or the person's designated agent.</p> <p>(9) The department shall inform the appropriate county attorneys of any reports of dependent adult abuse. The department may request information from any person believed to have knowledge of a case of dependent adult abuse. The person, including but not limited to a county attorney, a law enforcement agency, a multidisciplinary team, a social services agency in the state, or any person who is required pursuant to subsection 2 to report dependent adult abuse, whether or not the person made the specific dependent adult abuse report, shall cooperate and assist in the evaluation upon the request of the department. If the department's assessment reveals that dependent adult abuse exists which might constitute a criminal offense, a report shall be made to the appropriate law enforcement agency. County attorneys and appropriate law enforcement agencies shall also take any other lawful action necessary or advisable for the protection of the dependent adult.</p>
Kansas	<p>Kan. Stat. Ann. § 39-1431(a)-(b)</p> <p>(a) Any person who is licensed to practice any branch of the healing arts, a licensed psychologist, a licensed master level psychologist, a licensed clinical psychotherapist, the chief administrative officer of a medical care facility, a teacher, a licensed social worker, a licensed professional nurse, a licensed practical nurse, a licensed dentist, a licensed marriage and family therapist, a licensed clinical marriage and family therapist, licensed professional counselor, licensed clinical professional counselor, registered alcohol and drug abuse counselor, a law enforcement officer, a case manager, a rehabilitation counselor, a bank trust officer or any other officers of financial institutions, a legal representative, a governmental assistance provider, an owner or operator of a residential care facility, an independent living counselor and the chief administrative officer of a licensed home health agency, the chief administrative officer of an adult family home and the</p>

	<p>chief administrative officer of a provider of community services and affiliates thereof operated or funded by the department of social and rehabilitation services or licensed under K.S.A. 75-3307b and amendments thereto who has reasonable cause to believe that an adult is being or has been abused, neglected or exploited or is in need of protective services shall report, immediately from receipt of the information, such information or cause a report of such information to be made in any reasonable manner. An employee of a domestic violence center shall not be required to report information or cause a report of information to be made under this subsection. Other state agencies receiving reports that are to be referred to the department of social and rehabilitation services and the appropriate law enforcement agency, shall submit the report to the department and agency within six hours, during normal work days, of receiving the information. Reports shall be made to the department of social and rehabilitation services during the normal working week days and hours of operation. Reports shall be made to law enforcement agencies during the time social and rehabilitation services are not in operation. Law enforcement shall submit the report and appropriate information to the department of social and rehabilitation services on the first working day that social and rehabilitation services is in operation after receipt of such information.</p> <p>(b) The report made pursuant to subsection (a) shall contain the name and address of the person making the report and of the caretaker caring for the involved adult, the name and address of the involved adult, information regarding the nature and extent of the abuse, neglect or exploitation, the name of the next of kin of the involved adult, if known, and any other information which the person making the report believes might be helpful in the investigation of the case and the protection of the involved adult.</p>
Kentucky	<p>KY. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 209.030(2)-(6)(a)</p> <p>(2) Any person, including but not limited to physician, law enforcement officer, nurse, social worker, cabinet personnel, coroner, medical examiner, alternate care facility employee, or caretaker, having reasonable cause to suspect that an adult has suffered abuse, neglect, or exploitation, shall report or cause reports to be made in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. Death of the adult does not relieve one of the responsibility for reporting the circumstances surrounding the death.</p> <p>(3) An oral or written report shall be made immediately to the cabinet upon knowledge of suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an adult.</p> <p>(4) Any person making such a report shall provide the following information, if known:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The name and address of the adult, or of any other person responsible for his care; (b) The age of the adult; (c) The nature and extent of the abuse, neglect, or exploitation, including any evidence of previous abuse, neglect, or exploitation; (d) The identity of the perpetrator, if known; (e) The identity of the complainant, if possible; and (f) Any other information that the person believes might be helpful in establishing the cause of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. <p>(5) Upon receipt of the report, the cabinet shall conduct an initial assessment and take the following action:</p>

	<p>(a) Notify within twenty-four (24) hours of the receipt of the report the appropriate law enforcement agency. If information is gained through assessment or investigation relating to emergency circumstances or a potential crime, the cabinet shall immediately notify and document notification to the appropriate law enforcement agency;</p> <p>(b) Notify each appropriate authorized agency. The cabinet shall develop standardized procedures for notifying each appropriate authorized agency when an investigation begins and when conditions justify notification during the pendency of an investigation;</p> <p>(c) Initiate an investigation of the complaint; and</p> <p>(d) Make a written report of the initial findings together with a recommendation for further action, if indicated.</p> <p>(6) (a) The cabinet shall, to the extent practicable, coordinate its investigation with the appropriate law enforcement agency and, if indicated, any appropriate authorized agency or agencies.</p>
Louisiana	<p>La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 14:403.2(C), (D)(1)-(4) and (E)(6)</p> <p>C. Any person, including but not limited to a health, mental health, and social service practitioner, having cause to believe that an adult's physical or mental health or welfare has been or may be further adversely affected by abuse, neglect, or exploitation shall report in accordance with Subsection D of this Section.</p> <p>D. (1) Reports reflecting the reporter's belief that an adult has been abused or neglected shall be made to any adult protection agency or to any local or state law enforcement agency. These reports need not name the persons suspected of the alleged abuse or neglect.</p> <p>(2) All reports shall contain the name and address of the adult, the name and address of the person responsible for the care of the adult, if available, and any other pertinent information.</p> <p>(3) All reports received by a local or state law enforcement agency shall be referred to the appropriate adult protection agency.</p> <p>(4) When the appropriate adult protection agency receives a report of sexual or physical abuse, whether directly or by referral, the agency shall notify the chief law enforcement agency of the parish in which the incident is alleged to have occurred of such report. Such notification shall be made prior to the end of the business day subsequent to the day on which the adult protection agency received the report. For the purposes of this Paragraph, the chief law enforcement agency of Orleans Parish shall be the New Orleans Police Department.</p> <p>(E)(6) If it appears after investigation that an adult has been abused and neglected by other parties and that the problem cannot be remedied by extrajudicial means, the adult protection agency may refer the matter to the appropriate district attorney's office or may initiate judicial proceedings as provided in Subsection F of this Section. Evidence that abuse or neglect has occurred must be presented together with an account of the protective services given or available to the adult and a recommendation as to what services, if ordered, would eliminate the abuse or neglect.</p>

Maine

Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 22, § 3477(1)-(4)

1. Report required. The following persons immediately shall report to the department when the person has reasonable cause to suspect that an incapacitated or dependent adult has been or is at substantial risk of abuse, neglect or exploitation:

A. While acting in a professional capacity:

(1) An allopathic or osteopathic physician;

(2) A medical intern;

(3) A medical examiner;

(4) A physician's assistant;

(5) A dentist;

(6) A chiropractor;

(7) A podiatrist;

(8) A registered or licensed practical nurse;

(9) A certified nursing assistant;

(10) A social worker;

(11) A psychologist;

(12) A pharmacist;

(13) A physical therapist;

(14) A speech therapist;

(15) An occupational therapist;

(16) A mental health professional;

(17) A law enforcement official;

(18) Emergency room personnel;

<p>Maryland</p>	<p>Md. Code Ann., Fam. Law § 14-302(a) and (d)</p> <p>(a) Notwithstanding any law on privileged communications, each health practitioner, police officer, or human service worker who contacts, examines, attends, or treats an alleged vulnerable adult, and who has reason to believe that the alleged vulnerable adult has been subjected to abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or exploitation shall:</p> <p>(1) notify the local department; and</p> <p>(2) if acting as a staff member of a hospital or public health agency, immediately notify and give all the information required by this section to the head of the institution or the designee of the head.</p> <p>(d) Insofar as is reasonably possible, an individual who makes a report under this section shall include in the report the following information:</p> <p>(1) the name, age, and home address of the alleged vulnerable adult;</p> <p>(2) the name and home address of the person responsible for the care of the alleged vulnerable adult;</p> <p>(3) the whereabouts of the alleged vulnerable adult;</p> <p>(4) the nature of the alleged vulnerable adult's incapacity;</p> <p>(5) the nature and extent of the abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or exploitation of the alleged vulnerable adult, including evidence or information available to the reporter concerning previous injury possibly resulting from abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or exploitation; and</p> <p>(6) any other information that would help to determine:</p> <p>(i) the cause of the suspected abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or exploitation; and</p> <p>(ii) the identity of any individual responsible for the abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or exploitation.</p> <hr/> <p>Md. Code Ann., Fam. Law § 14-305(3)-(4)</p> <p>Based on the investigation under this subtitle, the local department shall: ...</p> <p>(3) report to the appropriate local law enforcement agency any incident of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an alleged vulnerable adult where the possibility of a crime being committed against the alleged vulnerable person is indicated by information provided in the initial report to the local department or by information obtained in the course of investigation; and</p> <p>(4) send to the local State's Attorney and the appropriate local law enforcement agency a report of the investigation of any incident of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an alleged vulnerable adult which was or should have been reported to the appropriate local law enforcement agency under paragraph (3) of this section.</p>
<p>Massachusetts (EPS) Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 19A, §§ 14 – 26 (applicable to persons who are 60 or older)</p>	<p>Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 19A, § 15(a) - (b) and (e)</p> <p>(a) Any physician, physician assistant, medical intern, dentist, nurse, family counselor, probation officer, social worker, policeman, firefighter, emergency medical technician, licensed psychologist, coroner, registered physical therapist, registered occupational therapist, osteopath, podiatrist, director of a council on aging, outreach worker employed by a council on aging, executive director of a licensed home health agency or executive director of a homemaker service agency or manager of an assisted living residence who has reasonable cause to believe that an elderly person is suffering from or has died as a result of</p>

	<p>abuse, shall immediately make a verbal report of such information or cause a report to be made to the department or its designated agency and shall within forty-eight hours make a written report to the department or its designated agency. Any person so required to make such reports who fails to do so shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars.</p> <p>(b) The executive director of a home care corporation, licensed home health agency or homemaker service agency shall establish procedures within such agency to ensure that homemakers, home health aides, case managers or other staff of said agency who have reasonable cause to believe that an elderly person has been abused shall report such case to the executive director of the corporation or agency. The executive director shall immediately make a verbal report of such information or cause a report to be made to the department or its designated agency and shall within forty-eight hours make a written report to the department or its designated agency.</p> <p>(e) Reports made pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) shall contain the name, address and approximate age of the elderly person who is the subject of the report, information regarding the nature and extent of the abuse, the name of the person's caretaker, if known, any medical treatment being received or immediately required, if known, any other information the reporter believes to be relevant to the investigation, and the name and address of the reporter and where said reporter may be contacted, if the reporter wishes to provide said information. The department shall publicize the provisions of this section and the process by which reports of abuse shall be made.</p> <hr/> <p>Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 19A, 16(b)</p> <p>(b) Within this protective services system, the department shall establish a mechanism for the receipt of reports made pursuant to section fifteen which shall operate and be accessible on a twenty-four hour per day basis. If the department or its designated agency has reasonable cause to believe that an elderly person has died as a result of abuse, the death shall be reported immediately to the district attorney of the county in which the abuse occurred. Within forty-five days of the receipt of a report made pursuant to subsection (a) of said section fifteen, the department or its designated agency shall notify the reporter, in writing, of its response to the report. Such notification shall be made to a person who makes a report pursuant to subsection (c) of said section fifteen if said reporter so requests.</p> <hr/> <p>Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 19A, § 18(a)</p> <p>...If an assessment results in a determination that the elderly person has suffered serious abuse, the department or designated agency shall report such determination to the district attorney of the county where the abuse occurred within forty-eight hours. The district attorney may investigate and decide whether to initiate criminal proceedings.</p>
<p>Massachusetts (APS) Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 19C, §§ 1 – 13 <i>(applicable to persons with</i></p>	<p>Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 19C, § 1</p> <p>"Mandated reporter", any physician, medical intern, hospital personnel engaged in the examination, care or treatment of persons, medical examiner, dentist, psychologist, nurse, chiropractor, podiatrist, osteopath, public or private school teacher, educational administrator, guidance or family counselor, day care worker, probation officer, social worker, foster parent,</p>

disabilities)

police officer or person employed by a state agency within the executive office of health and human services as defined by section sixteen of chapter six A, or employed by a private agency providing services to disabled persons who, in his professional capacity shall have reasonable cause to believe that a disabled person is suffering from a reportable condition.

Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 19C, § 4(c)

... Upon receipt of a report of abuse of a disabled person where the screener, in accordance with written standards established by the commission, determines that the report may contain allegations of criminal conduct, the screener shall immediately refer such report to the special investigative unit which shall conduct an initial evaluation and investigation of the alleged criminal conduct and, upon completion of such evaluation and investigation, shall report the results of such evaluation and investigation to the commissioners who shall, if the special investigative unit has determined that there is reason to believe that a criminal offense has been committed, immediately refer such report, together with any relevant information obtained in such initial investigation, to the attorney general or a district attorney for the county wherein the alleged criminal offense occurred. Upon receipt of such report, the attorney general or district attorney for the county wherein the alleged criminal offense occurred shall contact the commission in order to coordinate the investigation of the matters giving rise to the report. As part of such coordination, the attorney general or the district attorney may request that the commission delay or defer its investigation of the noncriminal matters giving rise to the report; provided, however, that such request shall be granted only where the commission determines that the health and the safety of clients of state agencies or of contract providers shall not be adversely affected thereby and that the commission's or department's ability to conduct a later investigation shall not be unreasonably impaired by such delay or deferral. In all cases including, but not limited to, those in which the commission agrees to delay or defer its investigation, the attorney general or district attorney shall keep the commission informed of the status of the criminal investigation and the commission shall provide to the attorney general or the district attorney any and all information that may be relevant to the criminal investigation. In cases in which the commission agrees to delay or defer its investigation, it shall monitor the progress of the criminal investigation and shall determine, after consultation with such law enforcement agencies, when or whether the commission's investigation should be initiated or resumed.

Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 19C, § 5(4)-(5)

(4) If there is reasonable cause to believe that a disabled person has died as a result of abuse, immediately report said death to the commission, the general counsel, the attorney general, the district attorney for the county in which such death occurred, and to the medical examiner as required by section six of chapter thirty-eight.

... Upon receipt of a report of abuse of a disabled person, or upon receipt of a written determination and evaluation prepared and forwarded to the commission pursuant to the provisions of this section, the commission, notwithstanding any provisions of chapter sixty-six A regarding personal data to the contrary, shall immediately report such conditions and forward said investigation and evaluation report, together with any other material or information which the commission has obtained or received and which is relevant to the alleged abuse, to the district attorney for the county in which the abuse is alleged to have occurred if there is reasonable cause to believe that any of the following conditions exist: (a) a disabled person has been sexually abused or raped, or assaulted or battered, as set forth in chapter two hundred and sixty-five; (b) a disabled person has

suffered brain injury, loss or substantial impairment of a bodily function or organ, or substantial disfigurement; or (c) a disabled person has suffered serious bodily injury as a result of a pattern of repetitive actions or inactions by a caretaker....

Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 19C, § 10

Except when prevented by the constraints of professional privilege as hereinafter provided, mandated reporters shall notify the commission orally of any reportable condition immediately upon becoming aware of such condition and shall report in writing within forty-eight hours after such oral report.

Mandated reporters who have reasonable cause to believe that a disabled person has died as a result of a reportable condition shall immediately report such death, in writing, to the commission, to the district attorney for the county in which such death occurred and to the medical examiner as required by section six of chapter thirty-eight.

Any person may file report if such person has reasonable cause to believe that a disabled person is suffering from abuse or has died as a result thereof.

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.

No privilege established, by sections one hundred and thirty-five A and one hundred and thirty-five B of chapter one hundred and twelve, by section twenty or twenty B of chapter two hundred and thirty-three, by court decision or by professional code relating to the exclusion of confidential communications and the competency of witnesses may be invoked to prevent a report by a mandated reporter or in any civil action arising out of a report made pursuant to this chapter; provided, however, that a mandated reporter need not report an otherwise reportable condition if the disabled person invokes a privilege, established by law or professional code, to maintain the confidentiality of communications with such mandated reporter.

Any person required by this section to make oral and written reports, who fails to do so, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars.

Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 19C, §13

Upon the death of any disabled person whose caretaker was a state agency or an agency of any subdivision of the commonwealth or a private agency contracting with the commonwealth, said caretaker agency shall immediately orally notify the commission and local law enforcement officials of such death, and shall forward to the commission and local law enforcement officials a written report of such death within twenty-four hours of the death. Said report shall contain the name of the disabled person, the name of the facility in which that person resided, and the facts and circumstances of the death. The

	<p>commission shall take all appropriate measures regarding the report pursuant to its authority under this chapter, including investigating the death, and shall determine whether the cause of death is related to abuse. If it is determined that the death is related to abuse, the commission shall conduct further investigation, or shall oversee further investigation, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.</p>
<p>Michigan</p>	<p>Mich. Comp. Laws § 400.11a(1) and (4) – (5)</p> <p>(1) A person who is employed, licensed, registered, or certified to provide health care, educational, social welfare, mental health, or other human services; an employee of an agency licensed to provide health care, educational, social welfare, mental health, or other human services; a law enforcement officer; or an employee of the office of the county medical examiner who suspects or has reasonable cause to believe that an adult has been abused, neglected, or exploited shall make immediately, by telephone or otherwise, an oral report to the county department of social services of the county in which the abuse, neglect, or exploitation is suspected of having or believed to have occurred. After making the oral report, the reporting person may file a written report with the county department. A person described in this subsection who is also required to make a report pursuant to section 21771 of the public health code, Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended, being section 333.21771 of the Michigan Compiled Laws and who makes that report is not required to make a duplicate report to the county department of social services under this section.</p> <p>(4) A report made under this section shall contain the name of the adult and a description of the abuse, neglect, or exploitation. If possible, the report shall contain the adult's age and the names and addresses of the adult's guardian or next of kin, and of the persons with whom the adult resides, including their relationship to the adult. The report shall contain other information available to the reporting person that may establish the cause of the abuse, neglect, or exploitation and the manner in which the abuse, neglect, or exploitation occurred or is occurring. The county department shall reduce to writing the information provided in an oral report received pursuant to this section.</p> <p>(5) The county department shall report to a police agency any criminal activity that it believes to be occurring, upon receipt of the oral report.</p>
<p>Minnesota</p>	<p>Minn. Stat. § 626.557, Subd. 3, Subd. 4 and Subd. 9(d) – (e)</p> <p>Subd. 3. Timing of report. (a) A mandated reporter who has reason to believe that a vulnerable adult is being or has been maltreated, or who has knowledge that a vulnerable adult has sustained a physical injury which is not reasonably explained shall immediately report the information to the common entry point. If an individual is a vulnerable adult solely because the individual is admitted to a facility, a mandated reporter is not required to report suspected maltreatment of the individual that occurred prior to admission, unless:</p> <p>(1) the individual was admitted to the facility from another facility and the reporter has reason to believe the vulnerable adult was maltreated in the previous facility; or</p> <p>(2) the reporter knows or has reason to believe that the individual is a vulnerable adult as defined in section 626.5572,</p>

	<p>subdivision 21, clause (4).</p> <p>(b) A person not required to report under the provisions of this section may voluntarily report as described above.</p> <p>(c) Nothing in this section requires a report of known or suspected maltreatment, if the reporter knows or has reason to know that a report has been made to the common entry point.</p> <p>(d) Nothing in this section shall preclude a reporter from also reporting to a law enforcement agency.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Reporting. A mandated reporter shall immediately make an oral report to the common entry point. Use of a telecommunications device for the deaf or other similar device shall be considered an oral report. The common entry point may not require written reports. To the extent possible, the report must be of sufficient content to identify the vulnerable adult, the caregiver, the nature and extent of the suspected maltreatment, any evidence of previous maltreatment, the name and address of the reporter, the time, date, and location of the incident, and any other information that the reporter believes might be helpful in investigating the suspected maltreatment. A mandated reporter may disclose not public data, as defined in section 13.02, and medical records under section 144.335, to the extent necessary to comply with this subdivision.</p> <p>Subd. 9 (d) The common entry point shall immediately report to a law enforcement agency any incident in which there is reason to believe a crime has been committed.</p> <p>(e) If a report is initially made to a law enforcement agency or a lead agency, those agencies shall take the report on the appropriate common entry point intake forms and immediately forward a copy to the common entry point.</p> <hr/> <p>Minn. Stat. § 626.5572, Subd. 16</p> <p>Subd. 16. Mandated reporter. "Mandated reporter" means a professional or professional's delegate while engaged in: (1) social services; (2) law enforcement; (3) education; (4) the care of vulnerable adults; (5) any of the occupations referred to in section 214.01, subdivision 2; (6) an employee of a rehabilitation facility certified by the commissioner of jobs and training for vocational rehabilitation; (7) an employee or person providing services in a facility as defined in subdivision 6; or (8) a person that performs the duties of the medical examiner or coroner.</p>
Mississippi	<p>Miss. Code Ann. § 43-47-7(1)(a) – (b) and (2)</p> <p>(1) (a) Except as otherwise provided by Section 43-47-37 for vulnerable adults in care facilities, any person including, but not limited to, the following, who knows or suspects that a vulnerable adult has been or is being abused, neglected or exploited shall immediately report such knowledge or suspicion to the Department of Human Services or to the county department of human services where the vulnerable adult is located:</p> <p>(i) Attorney, physician, osteopathic physician, medical examiner, chiropractor or nurse engaged in the admission, examination, care or treatment of vulnerable adults;</p>

- (ii) Health professional or mental health professional other than one listed in subparagraph (i);
- (iii) Practitioner who relies solely on spiritual means for healing;
- (iv) Social worker, child protection specialist or other professional adult care, residential or institutional staff;
- (v) State, county or municipal criminal justice employee or law enforcement officer;
- (vi) Human rights advocacy committee or long-term care ombudsman council member; or
- (vii) Accountant, stockbroker, financial advisor or consultant, insurance agent or consultant, investment advisor or consultant, financial planner, or any officer or employee of a bank, savings and loan, credit union or any other financial service provider.

(b) To the extent possible, a report made pursuant to paragraph (a) must contain, but need not be limited to, the following information:

- (i) Name, age, race, sex, physical description and location of each vulnerable adult alleged to have been abused, neglected or exploited.
- (ii) Names, addresses and telephone numbers of the vulnerable adult's family members.
- (iii) Name, address and telephone number of each alleged perpetrator.
- (iv) Name, address and telephone number of the caregiver of the vulnerable adult, if different from the alleged perpetrator.
- (v) Description of the neglect, exploitation, physical or psychological injuries sustained.
- (vi) Actions taken by the reporter, if any, such as notification of the criminal justice agency.
- (vii) Any other information available to the reporting person which may establish the cause of abuse, neglect or exploitation that occurred or is occurring.

In addition to the above, any person or entity holding or required to hold a license as specified in Title 73, Professions and Vocations, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be required to give his, her or its name, address and telephone number in the report of the alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation.

(2) Reports received by law enforcement authorities or other agencies shall be forwarded immediately to the Department of Human Services or the county department of human services. The Department of Human Services shall investigate the reported abuse, neglect or exploitation immediately and shall file a preliminary report of its findings with the Office of the Attorney General within forty-eight (48) hours, and shall make additional reports as new information or evidence becomes available. The Department of Human Services, upon request, shall forward a statement to the person making the initial report required by this section as to what action is being taken, if any.

Miss. Code Ann. § 43-47-37(1) – (4)

(1) Any person who, within the scope of his employment at a care facility as defined in Section 43-47-5(b), or in his professional or personal capacity, has knowledge of or reasonable cause to believe that any patient or resident of a care facility has been the victim of abuse, neglect or exploitation shall report immediately the abuse, neglect or exploitation.

(2) The reporting of conduct as required by subsection (1) of this section shall be made:

(a) By **any employee of any home health agency**, orally or telephonically, within twenty-four (24) hours of discovery, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, to the department and the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the Attorney General's office.

(b) By **a home health agency**, in writing within seventy-two (72) hours of discovery to the department and the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. Upon initial review, the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit shall make a determination whether or not the person suspected of committing the reported abuse, neglect or exploitation was an employee of the home health agency. If so, the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit shall determine whether there is substantial potential for criminal prosecution, and upon a positive determination, shall investigate and prosecute the complaint or refer it to an appropriate criminal investigative or prosecutive authority. If the alleged perpetrator is not an employee of the home health agency, the department shall investigate and process the complaint or refer it to an appropriate investigative or prosecutive authority.

(c) By all other care facilities, orally or telephonically, within twenty-four (24) hours of discovery, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, to the State Department of Health and the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the Attorney General's office.

(d) By all other care facilities, in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours of the discovery, to the State Department of Health and the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. If, upon initial review by the State Department of Health and the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, a determination is made that there is substantial potential for criminal prosecution, the unit will investigate and prosecute the complaint or refer it to an appropriate criminal investigative or prosecutive authority.

(3) The contents of the reports required by subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall contain the following information unless the information is unobtainable by the person reporting:

(a) The name, address, telephone number, occupation and employer's address and telephone number of the person reporting;

(b) The name and address of the patient or resident who is believed to be the victim of abuse or exploitation;

(c) The details, observations and beliefs concerning the incident;

(d) Any statements relating to incident made by the patient or resident;

(e) The date, time and place of the incident;

(f) The name of any individual(s) believed to have knowledge of the incident;

(g) The name of the individual(s) believed to be responsible for the incident and their connection to the patient or resident;
and

(h) Such other information that may be required by the State Department of Health and/or the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, as requested.

(4) Any other individual who has knowledge of or reasonable cause to believe that any patient or resident of a care facility has been the victim of abuse, exploitation or any other criminal offense may make a report to the State Department of Health and the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.

<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>Mo. Rev. Stat. § 660.255(1) – (3)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any person having reasonable cause to suspect that an eligible adult presents a likelihood of suffering serious physical harm and is in need of protective services shall report such information to the department. 2. The report shall be made orally or in writing. It shall include, if known: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The name, age, and address of the eligible adult; (2) The name and address of any person responsible for the eligible adult's care; (3) The nature and extent of the eligible adult's condition; and (4) Other relevant information. 3. Reports regarding persons determined not to be eligible adults as defined in section 660.250 shall be referred to the appropriate state or local authorities.
<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 provisions applicable to</i></p>	<p>Mo. Rev. Stat. § 660.300(1) – (2) and (5)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When any adult day care worker; chiropractor; Christian Science practitioner; coroner; dentist; embalmer; employee of the departments of social services, mental health, or health and senior services; employee of a local area agency on aging or an organized area agency on aging program; funeral director; home health agency or home health agency employee; hospital and clinic personnel engaged in examination, care, or treatment of persons; in-home services owner, provider, operator, or employee; law enforcement officer; long-term care facility administrator or employee; medical examiner; medical resident or intern; mental health professional; minister; nurse; nurse practitioner; optometrist; other health practitioner; peace officer; pharmacist; physical therapist; physician; physician's assistant; podiatrist; probation or parole officer; psychologist; or social worker has reasonable cause to believe that an in-home services client has been abused or neglected, as a result of in-home services, he or she shall immediately report or cause a report to be made to the department. If the report is made by a physician of the in-home services client, the department shall maintain contact with the physician regarding the progress of the investigation. 2. When a report of deteriorating physical condition resulting in possible abuse or neglect of an in-home services client is received by the department, the client's case manager and the department nurse shall be notified. The client's case manager shall investigate and immediately report the results of the investigation to the department nurse. The department may authorize the in-home services provider nurse to assist the case manager with the investigation. 5. The report shall contain the names and addresses of the in-home services provider agency, the in-home services employee, the in-home services client, the home health agency, the home health agency employee, information regarding the nature of the abuse or neglect, the name of the complainant, and any other information which might be helpful in an investigation.

<p><i>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>Mo. Rev. Stat. § 660.305(4)</p> <p>4. Upon receipt of a report, the department shall immediately initiate an investigation and report information gained from such investigation to appropriate law enforcement authorities.</p>
<p>Montana</p>	<p>Mont. Code Ann. § 52-3-811(1) & (3)</p> <p>1) When the professionals and other persons listed in subsection (3) know or have reasonable cause to suspect that an older person or a person with a developmental disability known to them in their professional or official capacities has been subjected to abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, or exploitation, they shall:</p> <p>(a) if the person is not a resident of a long-term care facility, report the matter to:</p> <p>(i) the department or its local affiliate; or</p> <p>(ii) the county attorney of the county in which the person resides or in which the acts that are the subject of the report occurred;</p> <p>(b) if the person is a resident of a long-term care facility, report the matter to the long-term care ombudsman appointed under the provisions of 42 U.S.C. 3027(a)(12) and to the department. The department shall investigate the matter pursuant to its authority in 50-5-204 and, if it finds any allegations of abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, or exploitation contained in the report to be substantially true, forward a copy of the report to the county attorney as provided in subsection (1)(a)(ii).</p> <p>3) Professionals and other persons required to report are:</p> <p>(a) a physician, resident, intern, professional or practical nurse, physician assistant, or member of a hospital staff engaged in the admission, examination, care, or treatment of persons;</p> <p>(b) an osteopath, dentist, denturist, chiropractor, optometrist, podiatrist, medical examiner, coroner, or any other health or mental health professional;</p> <p>(c) an ambulance attendant;</p>

(d) a social worker or other employee of the state, a county, or a municipality assisting an older person or a person with a developmental disability in the application for or receipt of public assistance payments or services;

(e) a person who maintains or is employed by a roominghouse, retirement home or complex, nursing home, group home, adult foster care home, adult day-care center, or assisted living facility or an agency or individual that provides home health services or personal care in the home;

(f) an attorney, unless the attorney acquired knowledge of the facts required to be reported from a client and the attorney-client privilege applies;

(g) a peace officer or other law enforcement official;

(h) a person providing services to an older person or a person with a developmental disability pursuant to a contract with a state or federal agency; and

(i) an employee of the department while in the conduct of the employee's duties.

Mont. Code Ann. § 52-3-812

(1) The report required by 52-3-811 may be made in writing or orally, by telephone or in person. A person who receives an oral report shall prepare it in writing as soon as possible.

(2) The report referred to under this section must contain:

(a) the names and addresses of the older person or the person with a developmental disability and the person, if any, responsible for that person's care;

(b) the name and address, if available, of the person who is alleged to have abused, sexually abused, neglected, or exploited the older person or the person with a developmental disability;

(c) to the extent known, the person's age and the nature and extent of the abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, or exploitation, including any evidence of previous injuries, abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, or exploitation sustained by the older person or the person with a developmental disability and any evidence of prior instances of abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, or exploitation of other older persons or persons with developmental disabilities committed by the person alleged to have committed abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, or exploitation; and

(d) the name and address of the person making the report.

Nebraska	<p>Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-372(1) – (4)</p> <p>(1) When any physician, psychologist, physician assistant, nurse, nursing assistant, other medical, developmental disability, or mental health professional, law enforcement personnel, caregiver or employee of a caregiver, operator or employee of a sheltered workshop, owner, operator, or employee of any facility licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure, or human services professional or paraprofessional not including a member of the clergy has reasonable cause to believe that a vulnerable adult has been subjected to abuse or observes such adult being subjected to conditions or circumstances which reasonably would result in abuse, he or she shall report the incident or cause a report to be made to the appropriate law enforcement agency or to the department. Any other person may report abuse if such person has reasonable cause to believe that a vulnerable adult has been subjected to abuse or observes such adult being subjected to conditions or circumstances which reasonably would result in abuse.</p> <p>(2) Such report may be made by telephone, with the caller giving his or her name and address, and, if requested by the department, shall be followed by a written report within forty-eight hours. To the extent available the report shall contain: (a) The name, address, and age of the vulnerable adult; (b) the address of the caregiver or caregivers of the vulnerable adult; (c) the nature and extent of the alleged abuse or the conditions and circumstances which would reasonably be expected to result in such abuse; (d) any evidence of previous abuse including the nature and extent of the abuse; and (e) any other information which in the opinion of the person making the report may be helpful in establishing the cause of the alleged abuse and the identity of the perpetrator or perpetrators.</p> <p>(3) Any law enforcement agency receiving a report of abuse shall notify the department no later than the next working day by telephone or mail.</p> <p>(4) A report of abuse made to the department which was not previously made to or by a law enforcement agency shall be communicated to the appropriate law enforcement agency by the department no later than the next working day by telephone or mail.</p>
Nevada	<p>Nev. Rev. Stat. 200.5093(1) - (4)</p> <p>1. Any person who is described in subsection 4 and who, in his professional or occupational capacity, knows or has reasonable cause to believe that an older person has been abused, neglected, exploited or isolated shall:</p> <p>(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, report the abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of the older person to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The local office of the Aging Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services; (2) A police department or sheriff's office; (3) The county's office for protective services, if one exists in the county where the suspected action occurred; or (4) A toll-free telephone service designated by the Aging Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services; <p>and</p>

(b) Make such a report as soon as reasonably practicable but not later than 24 hours after the person knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the older person has been abused, neglected, exploited or isolated.

2. If a person who is required to make a report pursuant to subsection 1 knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of the older person involves an act or omission of the Aging Services Division, another division of the Department of Health and Human Services or a law enforcement agency, the person shall make the report to an agency other than the one alleged to have committed the act or omission.

3. Each agency, after reducing a report to writing, shall forward a copy of the report to the Aging Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services.

4. A report must be made pursuant to subsection 1 by the following persons:

(a) Every physician, dentist, dental hygienist, chiropractor, optometrist, podiatric physician, medical examiner, resident, intern, professional or practical nurse, physician assistant, psychiatrist, psychologist, marriage and family therapist, alcohol or drug abuse counselor, athletic trainer, driver of an ambulance, advanced emergency medical technician or other person providing medical services licensed or certified to practice in this State, who examines, attends or treats an older person who appears to have been abused, neglected, exploited or isolated.

(b) Any personnel of a hospital or similar institution engaged in the admission, examination, care or treatment of persons or an administrator, manager or other person in charge of a hospital or similar institution upon notification of the suspected abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of an older person by a member of the staff of the hospital.

(c) A coroner.

(d) Every person who maintains or is employed by an agency to provide personal care services in the home.

(e) Every person who maintains or is employed by an agency to provide personal care services in the home. [sic]

(f) Any employee of the Department of Health and Human Services.

(g) Any employee of a law enforcement agency or a county's office for protective services or an adult or juvenile probation officer.

(h) Any person who maintains or is employed by a facility or establishment that provides care for older persons.

(i) Any person who maintains, is employed by or serves as a volunteer for an agency or service which advises persons regarding the abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of an older person and refers them to persons and agencies where their

requests and needs can be met.

(j) Every social worker.

(k) Any person who owns or is employed by a funeral home or mortuary.

Nev. Rev. Stat. § 200.50935(3)

1. Any person who is described in subsection 3 and who, in his professional or occupational capacity, knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a vulnerable person has been abused, neglected, exploited or isolated shall:

(a) Report the abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of the vulnerable person to a law enforcement agency; and

(b) Make such a report as soon as reasonably practicable but not later than 24 hours after the person knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the vulnerable person has been abused, neglected, exploited or isolated.

2. If a person who is required to make a report pursuant to subsection 1 knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of the vulnerable person involves an act or omission of a law enforcement agency, the person shall make the report to a law enforcement agency other than the one alleged to have committed the act or omission.

3. A report must be made pursuant to subsection 1 by the following persons:

(a) Every physician, dentist, dental hygienist, chiropractor, optometrist, podiatric physician, medical examiner, resident, intern, professional or practical nurse, physician assistant, psychiatrist, psychologist, marriage and family therapist, alcohol or drug abuse counselor, athletic trainer, driver of an ambulance, advanced emergency medical technician or other person providing medical services licensed or certified to practice in this State, who examines, attends or treats a vulnerable person who appears to have been abused, neglected, exploited or isolated.

(b) Any personnel of a hospital or similar institution engaged in the admission, examination, care or treatment of persons or an administrator, manager or other person in charge of a hospital or similar institution upon notification of the suspected abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of a vulnerable person by a member of the staff of the hospital.

(c) A coroner.

(d) Every person who maintains or is employed by an agency to provide nursing in the home.

(e) Any employee of the Department of Health and Human Services.

	<p>(f) Any employee of a law enforcement agency or an adult or juvenile probation officer.</p> <p>(g) Any person who maintains or is employed by a facility or establishment that provides care for vulnerable persons.</p> <p>(h) Any person who maintains, is employed by or serves as a volunteer for an agency or service which advises persons regarding the abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of a vulnerable person and refers them to persons and agencies where their requests and needs can be met.</p> <p>(i) Every social worker.</p> <p>(j) Any person who owns or is employed by a funeral home or mortuary.</p> <hr/> <p>Nev. Rev. Stat. § 200.5094</p> <p>1. A person may make a report pursuant to NRS 200.5093 or 200.50935 by telephone or, in light of all the surrounding facts and circumstances which are known or which reasonably should be known to the person at the time, by any other means of oral, written or electronic communication that a reasonable person would believe, under those facts and circumstances, is a reliable and swift means of communicating information to the person who receives the report. If the report is made orally, the person who receives the report must reduce it to writing as soon as reasonably practicable.</p> <p>2. The report must contain the following information, when possible:</p> <p>(a) The name and address of the older person or vulnerable person;</p> <p>(b) The name and address of the person responsible for his care, if there is one;</p> <p>(c) The name and address, if available, of the person who is alleged to have abused, neglected, exploited or isolated the older person or vulnerable person;</p> <p>(d) The nature and extent of the abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of the older person or vulnerable person;</p> <p>(e) Any evidence of previous injuries; and</p> <p>(f) The basis of the reporter's belief that the older person or vulnerable person has been abused, neglected, exploited or isolated.</p>
New Hampshire	<p>N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 161-F:46</p> <p>Any person, including, but not limited to, physicians, other health care professionals, social workers, clergy, and law</p>

	<p>enforcement officials, suspecting or believing in good faith that any adult who is or who is suspected to be incapacitated has been subjected to abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or exploitation or is living in hazardous conditions shall report or cause a report to be made as follows:</p> <p>I. An oral report, by telephone or otherwise, shall be made immediately, followed by a written report, if so requested, to the commissioner or his authorized representative. When oral reports are made after working hours of the department, or on weekends or holidays, such reports shall be made to the police department of the appropriate political subdivision, or to the sheriff of the county, in which the alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation occurred. Law enforcement officials receiving reports under this paragraph shall notify the commissioner within 72 hours of receipt of such reports.</p> <p>II. Within 72 hours following receipt by the commissioner or his authorized representative of such oral reports, an investigation shall be initiated by the commissioner or his authorized representative.</p> <p>III. Investigations shall not be made if the commissioner or his authorized representative determines that the report is frivolous or without a factual basis.</p> <hr/> <p>N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 161-F:51(II)</p> <p>II. The commissioner or his or her authorized representative shall refer all cases of serious bodily injury to an incapacitated adult known or suspected to be the result of abuse, neglect, or exploitation to local law enforcement, the department of justice or to the county attorney for possible criminal prosecution. The commissioner or his or her authorized representative shall also report other cases of abuse, neglect, or exploitation to local law enforcement, the department of justice, or the office of the county attorney for possible criminal prosecution if there is reason to believe a crime has been committed.</p>
New Jersey	<p>N.J. Stat. Ann. § 52:27D-409(a) – (b)</p> <p>a. A person who has reasonable cause to believe that a vulnerable adult is the subject of abuse, neglect or exploitation may report the information to the county adult protective services provider.</p> <p>b. The report, if possible, shall contain the name and address of the vulnerable adult; the name and address of the caretaker, if any; the nature and possible extent of the vulnerable adult's injury or condition as a result of abuse, neglect or exploitation; and any other information that the person reporting believes may be helpful.</p> <hr/> <p>N.J. Stat. Ann. § 52:27D-419</p> <p>If the county director or his designee has reasonable cause to believe that a caretaker or other person has committed a criminal act against a vulnerable adult including, but not limited to, P.L.1989, c. 23 (C. 2C:24-8), he shall immediately report the information to local law enforcement officials or the prosecutor of the county in which the alleged criminal act was committed. If the report is made orally, a written report shall follow in a timely manner.</p>

New Mexico	<p>N.M. Stat. Ann. § 27-7-30(A) – (B)</p> <p>A. Any person having reasonable cause to believe that an incapacitated adult is being abused, neglected or exploited shall immediately report that information to the department.</p> <p>B. The report required in Subsection A of this section may be made orally or in writing. The report shall include the name, age and address of the adult, the name and address of any other person responsible for the adult's care, the nature and extent of the adult's condition, the basis of the reporter's knowledge and other relevant information.</p>
New York	<p>N.Y. Soc. Serv. Law, Art. 9B, § 473</p> <p>Statute is silent on reporting to APS</p> <hr/> <p>N.Y. Soc. Serv. Law, Art. 9B, § 473(5)</p> <p>5. Whenever a social services official, or his or her designee authorized or required to determine the need for, or to provide or arrange for the provision of protective services to adults in accordance with the provisions of this title has a reason to believe that a criminal offense has been committed, as defined in the penal law, against a person for whom the need for such services is being determined or to whom such services are being provided or arranged, the social services official or his or her designee must report this information to the appropriate police or sheriff's department and the district attorney's office when such office has requested such information be reported by a social services official or his or her designee.</p>
North Carolina	<p>N.C. Gen. Stat. § 108A-102(a) – (b)</p> <p>(a) Any person having reasonable cause to believe that a disabled adult is in need of protective services shall report such information to the director.</p> <p>(b) The report may be made orally or in writing. The report shall include the name and address of the disabled adult; the name and address of the disabled adult's caretaker; the age of the disabled adult; the nature and extent of the disabled adult's injury or condition resulting from abuse or neglect; and other pertinent information.</p>
North Dakota	<p>N.D. Cent. Code § 50-25.2-03</p> <p>1. A person who has reasonable cause to believe that a vulnerable adult has been subjected to abuse or neglect, or who observes a vulnerable adult being subjected to conditions or circumstances that reasonably would result in abuse or neglect, may report the information to the department or the department's designee or to an appropriate law enforcement agency. A law enforcement agency receiving a report under this section shall immediately notify the department or the department's designee of the report.</p> <p>2. A person reporting under this section may make an oral or written report, as soon as possible. To the extent reasonably possible, a person who makes a report under this section shall include in the report:</p>

	<p>a. The name, age, and residence address of the alleged vulnerable adult; b. The name and residence address of the caregiver, if any; c. The nature and extent of the alleged abuse or neglect or the conditions and circumstances that would reasonably be expected to result in abuse or neglect; d. Any evidence of previous abuse or neglect, including the nature and extent of the abuse or neglect; and e. Any other information that in the opinion of the person making the report may be helpful in establishing the cause of the alleged abuse or neglect and the identity of the individual responsible for the alleged abuse or neglect.</p> <hr/> <p>N.D. Cent. Code § 50-25.2-05(2)</p> <p>2. If a report alleges, or circumstances surrounding the report indicate, a violation of a criminal statute or an imminent danger of serious physical injury or death of the vulnerable adult, the department or the department's designee shall notify the appropriate law enforcement agency. In such a case, the law enforcement agency may investigate the allegations in the report, take immediate steps if necessary to protect the vulnerable adult, and institute legal proceedings if appropriate. The law enforcement agency shall notify the department or the department's designee if such action is taken. This section does not limit the responsibilities of law enforcement agencies to enforce the laws of this state or preclude law enforcement agencies from investigating, as appropriate, any alleged criminal conduct....</p>
Ohio	<p>Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 5101.61(A) – (C)</p> <p>Any attorney, physician, osteopath, podiatrist, chiropractor, dentist, psychologist, any employee of a hospital as defined in section 3701.01 of the Revised Code, any nurse licensed under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code, any employee of an ambulatory health facility, any employee of a home health agency, any employee of an adult care facility as defined in section 3722.01 of the Revised Code, any employee of a community alternative home as defined in section 3724.01 of the Revised Code, any employee of a nursing home, residential care facility, or home for the aging, as defined in section 3721.01 of the Revised Code, any senior service provider, any peace officer, coroner, clergyman, any employee of a community mental health facility, and any person engaged in social work or counseling having reasonable cause to believe that an adult is being abused, neglected, or exploited, or is in a condition which is the result of abuse, neglect, or exploitation shall immediately report such belief to the county department of job and family services. This section does not apply to employees of any hospital or public hospital as defined in section 5122.01 of the Revised Code.</p> <p>(B) Any person having reasonable cause to believe that an adult has suffered abuse, neglect, or exploitation may report, or cause reports to be made of such belief to the department.</p> <p>(C) The reports made under this section shall be made orally or in writing except that oral reports shall be followed by a written report if a written report is requested by the department. Written reports shall include:</p> <p>(1) The name, address, and approximate age of the adult who is the subject of the report;</p>

	<p>(2) The name and address of the individual responsible for the adult's care, if any individual is, and if the individual is known;</p> <p>(3) The nature and extent of the alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation of the adult;</p> <p>(4) The basis of the reporter's belief that the adult has been abused, neglected, or exploited.</p>
Oklahoma	<p>Okla. Stat. tit. 43A, § 10-104(A) – (C)</p> <p>A. 1. Any person having reasonable cause to believe that a vulnerable adult is suffering from abuse, neglect, or exploitation shall make a report to either the Department of Human Services, the office of the district attorney in the county in which the suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation occurred or the local municipal police department or sheriff's department as soon as the person is aware of the situation.</p> <p>2. a. If a report is made to the Department of Human Services, the county office, after investigating the report, shall forward its findings to the office of the district attorney in the county in which the suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation occurred.</p> <p>b. The findings shall also be sent to any state agency with concurrent jurisdiction over persons or issues identified in the investigation, including, where appropriate, the State Department of Health, the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, or any other appropriate state licensure or certification board, agency, or registry.</p> <p>B. Persons required to make reports pursuant to this section shall include, but not be limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Physicians; 2. Operators of emergency response vehicles and other medical professionals; 3. Social workers and mental health professionals; 4. Law enforcement officials; 5. Staff of domestic violence programs; and 6. Long-term care facility personnel; and 7. Other health care professionals. <p>C. The report shall contain the name and address of the vulnerable adult, the name and address of the caretaker, if any, and a description of the current location and current condition of the vulnerable adult and of the situation which may constitute abuse, neglect or exploitation of the vulnerable adult.</p>

Oregon (EPS)
Or. Rev. Stat. §§
124.050 – 124.095
*(applicable to
persons 65 or older
who are not
residents of long-
term care facilities)*

Or. Rev. Stat. § 124.050(4)

(4) "Public or private official" means:

- (a) Physician, naturopathic physician, osteopathic physician, chiropractor or podiatric physician and surgeon, including any intern or resident.
- (b) Licensed practical nurse, registered nurse, nurse's aide, home health aide or employee of an in-home health service.
- (c) Employee of the Department of Human Services, county health department or community mental health and developmental disabilities program.
- (d) Peace officer.
- (e) Member of the clergy.
- (f) Licensed clinical social worker.
- (g) Physical, speech or occupational therapists.
- (h) Senior center employee.
- (i) Information and referral or outreach worker.
- (j) Licensed professional counselor or licensed marriage and family therapist.
- (k) Any public official who comes in contact with elderly persons in the performance of the official's official duties.
- (L) Firefighter or emergency medical technician.

Or. Rev. Stat. § 124.060

Any public or private official having reasonable cause to believe that any person 65 years of age or older with whom the official comes in contact, while acting in an official capacity, has suffered abuse, or that any person with whom the official comes in contact while acting in an official capacity has abused a person 65 years of age or older shall report or cause a report to be made in the manner required in ORS 124.065.

Or. Rev. Stat. § 124.065(1) – (2)

(1) When a report is required under ORS 124.060, an oral report shall be made immediately by telephone or otherwise to the local office of the Department of Human Services or to a law enforcement agency within the county where the person making the report is at the time of contact. If known, such reports shall contain the names and addresses of the elderly person and any persons responsible for the care of the elderly person, the nature and the extent of the abuse (including any evidence of previous abuse), the explanation given for the abuse and any other information which the person making the report believes might be helpful in establishing the cause of the abuse and the identity of the perpetrator.

(2) When a report is received by the department under ORS 124.060, the department may notify the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction within the county where the report was made....

Or. Rev. Stat. § 124.070(2)

(2) If the department or law enforcement agency conducting the investigation finds reasonable cause to believe that abuse has occurred, the department or law enforcement agency shall notify in writing the appropriate law enforcement agency or the local office of the department, respectively. The investigation shall include a visit to the named elderly person and

Oregon (APS)
Or. Rev. Stat. §§
430.735 – 430.768
(applicable only to
persons 18 or older
who are mentally ill
or developmentally
disabled and receive
services from a
community program
or facility)

Or. Rev. Stat. § 430.735(9)

(9) "Public or private official" means:

- (a) Physician, naturopathic physician, osteopathic physician, psychologist, chiropractor or podiatric physician and surgeon, including any intern or resident;
- (b) Licensed practical nurse, registered nurse, nurse's aide, home health aide or employee of an in-home health service;
- (c) Employee of the Department of Human Services, county health department, community mental health and developmental disabilities program or private agency contracting with a public body to provide any community mental health service;
- (d) Peace officer;
- (e) Member of the clergy;
- (f) Licensed clinical social worker;
- (g) Physical, speech or occupational therapist;
- (h) Information and referral, outreach or crisis worker;
- (i) Attorney;
- (j) Licensed professional counselor or licensed marriage and family therapist; or
- (k) Any public official who comes in contact with adults in the performance of the official's duties.

Or. Rev. Stat. § 430.743

(1) When a report is required under ORS 430.765 (1) and (2), an oral report shall be made immediately by telephone or otherwise to the designee of the Department of Human Services or a law enforcement agency within the county where the person making the report is at the time of contact. If known, the report shall include:

- (a) The name, age and present location of the allegedly abused adult;
- (b) The names and addresses of persons responsible for the adult's care;
- (c) The nature and extent of the alleged abuse, including any evidence of previous abuse;
- (d) Any information that led the person making the report to suspect that abuse has occurred plus any other information that the person believes might be helpful in establishing the cause of the abuse and the identity of the perpetrator; and
- (e) The date of the incident.

(2) When a report is received by the department's designee under this section, the designee shall immediately determine whether the reported victim has sustained any serious injury. If so, the designee shall immediately notify the department. If there is reason to believe a crime has been committed, the designee shall notify the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction within the county where the report was made. If the designee is unable to gain access to the allegedly abused adult, the designee may contact the law enforcement agency for assistance and the agency shall provide assistance. When a report is received by a law enforcement agency, the agency shall immediately notify the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction if the receiving agency does not. The receiving agency shall also immediately notify the department in cases of serious injury or death.

	<p>Or. Rev. Stat. § 430.745(3)</p> <p>(3) In cases in which the department, its designee or the law enforcement agency conducting the investigation finds reasonable cause to believe that an adult has died as a result of abuse, it shall report that information to the appropriate medical examiner. The medical examiner shall complete an investigation as required under ORS chapter 146 and report the findings to the department, its designee or the law enforcement agency.</p> <hr/> <p>Or. Rev. Stat. § 430.765(1)</p> <p>(1) Any public or private official who has reasonable cause to believe that any adult with whom the official comes in contact while acting in an official capacity, has suffered abuse, or that any person with whom the official comes in contact while acting in an official capacity has abused an adult shall report or cause a report to be made in the manner required in ORS 430.743.</p>
<p>Pennsylvania</p>	<p>Pa. Stat. Ann. tit. 35, § 10225.701</p> <p>(a) Mandatory reporting to agency.--</p> <p>(1) An employee or an administrator who has reasonable cause to suspect that a recipient is a victim of abuse shall immediately make an oral report to the agency. If applicable, the agency shall advise the employee or administrator of additional reporting requirements that may pertain under subsection (b). An employee shall notify the administrator immediately following the report to the agency.</p> <p>(2) Within 48 hours of making the oral report, the employee or administrator shall make a written report to the agency. The agency shall notify the administrator that a report of abuse has been made with the agency.</p> <p>(3) The employee may request the administrator to make or to assist the employee to make the oral and written reports required by this subsection.</p> <p>[AUTHORS' NOTE: A "recipient" is "(A)n individual who receives care, services or treatment in or from a facility." Pa. Stat. Ann. tit. 35, § 10225.103]</p> <p>(b) Mandatory reports to law enforcement officials.--</p> <p>(1) An employee or an administrator who has reasonable cause to suspect that a recipient is the victim of sexual abuse, serious physical injury or serious bodily injury or that a death is suspicious shall, in addition to contacting the agency and the department, immediately contact law enforcement officials to make an oral report. An employee shall notify the administrator immediately following the report to law enforcement officials.</p> <p>(2) Within 48 hours of making the oral report, the employee and an administrator shall make a written report to appropriate law enforcement officials.</p> <p>(3) The law enforcement officials shall notify the administrator that a report has been made with the law enforcement officials.</p> <p>(4) The employee may request the administrator to make or to assist the employee to make the oral and written reports to law enforcement required by this subsection.</p>

	<p>(c) Contents of report.--A written report under this section shall be in a manner and on forms prescribed by the department. The report shall include, at a minimum, the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Name, age and address of the recipient. (2) Name and address of the recipient's guardian or next of kin. (3) Name and address of the facility. (4) Nature of the alleged offense. (5) Any specific comments or observations that are directly related to the alleged incident and the individual involved. <hr/> <p>Pa. Stat. Ann. tit. 35, § 10225.702(b)</p> <p>(b) Coroner.--For a report under section 701(a) which concerns the death of a recipient, if there is reasonable cause to suspect that the recipient died as a result of abuse, the agency shall give the oral report and forward a copy of the written report to the appropriate coroner within 24 hours.</p>
Puerto Rico	<p>8 P.R. Laws Ann. § 346j</p> <p>Professionals or public officials, public or private and privatized entities that in their professional capacity and in the discharge of their functions learn or suspect that an elderly person is, has been, or is at risk of being a victim of abuse, institutional abuse, abuse by negligence and/or abuse by institutional negligence, are hereby placed under the obligation to report those cases in which there is or there is the suspicion that there is a situation of abuse, institutional abuse, abuse by negligence and/or abuse by institutional negligence against an elderly person; as well as health, education, social work and law enforcement professionals, and persons engaged in directing or working in care institutions or establishments that offer care services during a twenty-four (24)-hour day or part thereof. They shall report such a fact through the "Golden Hotline" and the Puerto Rico Police and/or the Office of Elderly Affairs, attached to the Office of the Governor.</p> <hr/> <p>8 P.R. Laws Ann. § 346k</p> <p>Any person who learns or suspects that an elderly person is a victim of abuse, institutional abuse, abuse by negligence and/or abuse by institutional negligence shall report such a fact through the "Golden Hotline," to the Puerto Rico Police, and/or to the Office of Elderly Affairs, attached to the Office of the Governor, in the manner provided for by this chapter. The information thus furnished shall be kept in strict confidentiality, as well as the identity of the person who furnished the information.</p>
Rhode Island	<p>R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-66-8</p> <p>Any person who has reasonable cause to believe that any person sixty (60) years of age or older has been abused, neglected, exploited, or abandoned shall make an immediate report to the director of the department of elderly affairs or his or her designee. Any person who fails to make the report shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or shall be imprisoned for a term of not more than one year, or both.</p>

	<p>R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-66-8.2(d)</p> <p>(d) In the event that after investigation, the department has reasonable cause to know or suspect that a person sixty (60) years of age or older has been a victim of: (1) an "assault" as defined in chapter 5 of title 11; or, (2) an "assault" as defined in chapter 37 of title 11; or, (3) an offense under chapter 10 of title 11, or has been a victim of "exploitation" as defined in this chapter, the investigator, with the approval of the director, shall immediately forward that information to the local law enforcement agency.</p>
<p>South Carolina</p>	<p>S.C. Code Ann. § 43-35-25</p> <p>(A) A physician, nurse, dentist, optometrist, medical examiner, coroner, other medical, mental health or allied health professional, Christian Science practitioner, religious healer, school teacher, counselor, psychologist, mental health or mental retardation specialist, social or public assistance worker, caregiver, staff or volunteer of an adult day care center or of a facility, or law enforcement officer having reason to believe that a vulnerable adult has been or is likely to be abused, neglected, or exploited shall report the incident in accordance with this section. Any other person who has actual knowledge that a vulnerable adult has been abused, neglected, or exploited shall report the incident in accordance with this section.</p> <p>(B) Except as provided in subsection (A), any other person who has reason to believe that a vulnerable adult has been or may be abused, neglected, or exploited may report the incident.</p> <p>(C) A person required to report pursuant to this section is personally responsible for making the report; however, a state agency may make a report on behalf of an agency employee if the procedure the agency uses for reporting has been approved in writing by the Vulnerable Adults Investigations Unit of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division or the investigative entity to which the report is to be made.</p> <p>(D) A person required to report under this section must report the incident within twenty-four hours or the next business day. A report must be made in writing or orally by telephone or otherwise to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the Vulnerable Adults Investigations Unit of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division for incidents occurring in facilities operated or contracted for operation by the Department of Mental Health or the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs; (2) the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program for incidents occurring in facilities, except those facilities provided for in item (1); and (3) the Adult Protective Services Program for incidents occurring in all other settings. <p>(E) If the Vulnerable Adults Investigations Unit of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division or an investigative entity receives a report that is not within its investigative jurisdiction, the unit or investigative entity shall forward the report to the appropriate unit or investigative entity not later than the next working day.</p>

	<p>(F) No facility may develop policies or procedures that interfere with the reporting requirements of this section.</p> <p>(G) Provided the mandatory reporting requirements of this section are met, nothing in this section precludes a person also from reporting directly to law enforcement, and in cases of an emergency, serious injury, or suspected sexual assault law enforcement must be contacted immediately.</p> <hr/> <p>S.C. Code Ann. § 43-35-35</p> <p>(A) A person required to report or investigate cases under this chapter who has reasonable suspicion to believe that a vulnerable adult died as a result of abuse or neglect shall report the death and suspected cause of death to the coroner or medical examiner. The coroner or medical examiner shall conduct an investigation and may conduct or order an autopsy. The coroner or medical examiner must report the investigative findings to the Vulnerable Adults Investigations Unit of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.</p> <p>(B) All deaths involving a vulnerable adult in a facility operated or contracted for operation by the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, or their contractors must be referred to the Vulnerable Adults Investigations Unit of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division for investigation.</p> <hr/> <p>S.C. Code Ann. § 43-35-40</p> <p>Upon receiving a report, the investigative entity promptly shall initiate an investigation and within two working days of receiving the report must review the report for the purpose of reporting to the Vulnerable Adults Investigations Unit of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division those cases which indicate reasonable suspicion of criminal conduct. A report to the unit must be made within one working day of completing the review.</p>
South Dakota	<p>S. D. Codified Laws Ann. § 28-1-45</p> <p>Statute is silent.</p>
Tennessee	<p>Tenn. Code Ann. § 71-6-103(b)(1) – (d)(2)</p> <p>(b)(1) Any person, including, but not limited to, a physician, nurse, social worker, department personnel, coroner, medical examiner, alternate care facility employee, or caretaker, having reasonable cause to suspect that an adult has suffered abuse, neglect, or exploitation, shall report or cause reports to be made in accordance with the provisions of this part. Death of the adult does not relieve one of the responsibility for reporting the circumstances surrounding the death. However, unless the report indicates that there are other adults in the same or similar situation and that an investigation and provision of protective services are necessary to prevent their possible abuse, neglect or exploitation, it shall not be necessary for the department to make an investigation of the circumstances surrounding the death; provided, that the appropriate law-enforcement agency is notified.</p>

	<p>(2) If a hospital, clinic, school, or any other organization or agency responsible for the care of adults has a specific procedure, approved by the director of the county office of the department, for the protection of adults who are victims of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, any member of its staff whose duty to report under the provisions of this part arises from the performance of the staff member's services as a member of the staff of the organization may, at the staff member's option, fulfill that duty by reporting instead to the person in charge of the organization or the organization head's designee who shall make the report in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.</p> <p>(c) An oral or written report shall be made immediately to the department upon knowledge of the occurrence of suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an adult. Any person making such a report shall provide the following information, if known: the name and address of the adult, or of any other person responsible for the adult's care; the age of the adult; the nature and extent of the abuse, neglect, or exploitation, including any evidence of previous abuse, neglect, or exploitation; the identity of the perpetrator, if known; the identity of the complainant, if possible; and any other information that the person believes might be helpful in establishing the cause of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Each report of known or suspected abuse of an adult involving a sexual offense that is a violation of §§ 39-13-501-- 39-13-506 that occurs in a facility licensed by the department of mental health and developmental disabilities as defined in § 33-5-402, or any hospital shall also be made to the local law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction where such offense occurred.</p> <p>(d) Upon receipt of the report, the department shall take the following action as soon as practical:</p> <p>(1) Notify the appropriate law enforcement agency in all cases in which the report involves abuse, neglect, or exploitation of the adult by another person or persons;</p> <p>(2) Notify the appropriate licensing authority if the report concerns an adult who is a resident of, or at the time of any alleged harm is receiving services from, a facility that is required by law to be licensed or the person alleged to have caused or permitted the harm is licensed under title 63. The commissioner of health, upon becoming aware through personal knowledge, receipt of a report or otherwise, of confirmed exploitation, abuse, or neglect of a nursing home resident, shall report such instances to the Tennessee bureau of investigation for a determination by the bureau as to whether the circumstances reported constitute abuse of the medicaid program or other criminal violation;</p>
Texas	<p>Texas Hum. Res. Code Ann. § 48.051</p> <p>(a) Except as prescribed by Subsection (b), a person having cause to believe that an elderly or disabled person is in the state of abuse, neglect, or exploitation shall report the information required by Subsection (d) immediately to the department.</p> <p>(b) If a person has cause to believe that an elderly or disabled person has been abused, neglected, or exploited in a facility operated, licensed, certified, or registered by a state agency other than the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the person shall report the information to the state agency that operates, licenses, certifies, or registers the facility for investigation by that agency.</p>

	<p>(c) The duty imposed by Subsections (a) and (b) applies without exception to a person whose knowledge concerning possible abuse, neglect, or exploitation is obtained during the scope of the person's employment or whose professional communications are generally confidential, including an attorney, clergy member, medical practitioner, social worker, and mental health professional.</p> <p>(d) The report may be made orally or in writing. It shall include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the name, age, and address of the elderly or disabled person; (2) the name and address of any person responsible for the elderly or disabled person's care; (3) the nature and extent of the elderly or disabled person's condition; (4) the basis of the reporter's knowledge; and (5) any other relevant information. <p>(e) If a person who makes a report under this section chooses to give self-identifying information, the caseworker who investigates the report shall contact the person if necessary to obtain any additional information required to assist the person who is the subject of the report.</p> <hr/> <p>Texas Hum. Res. Code Ann. § 48.1522</p> <p>If during the course of the department's or another state agency's investigation of reported abuse, neglect, or exploitation a caseworker of the department or other state agency, as applicable, or the caseworker's supervisor has cause to believe that the elderly or disabled person has been abused, neglected, or exploited by another person in a manner that constitutes a criminal offense under any law, including Section 22.04, Penal Code, the caseworker or supervisor shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) immediately notify an appropriate law enforcement agency; and (2) provide the law enforcement agency with a copy of the investigation report of the department or other state agency, as applicable, in a timely manner.
Utah	<p>Utah Code Ann. § 62A-3-305(1) – (2)</p> <p>(1) Any person who has reason to believe that any vulnerable adult has been the subject of abuse, neglect, or exploitation shall immediately notify Adult Protective Services intake or the nearest law enforcement agency. When the initial report is made to law enforcement, law enforcement shall immediately notify Adult Protective Services intake. Adult Protective Services and law enforcement shall coordinate, as appropriate, their efforts to provide protection to the vulnerable adult.</p> <p>(2) When the initial report or subsequent investigation by Adult Protective Services indicates that a criminal offense may have occurred against a vulnerable adult, it shall notify the nearest local law enforcement agency. That law enforcement agency shall initiate an investigation in cooperation with Adult Protective Services.</p>
Vermont	<p>Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 33, § 6903(a)</p> <p>(a) Any of the following, other than a crisis worker acting pursuant to section 1614 of Title 12, who knows of or has received</p>

information of abuse, neglect or exploitation of a vulnerable adult or who has reason to suspect that any vulnerable adult has been abused, neglected or exploited shall report or cause a report to be made in accordance with the provisions of section 6904 of this title within 48 hours:

(1) All employees, contractors and grantees of the agency of human services who are involved in caregiving.

(2) A physician, osteopath, chiropractor or physician's assistant, nurse, medical examiner, licensed nursing assistant, emergency medical services personnel, dentist, or psychologist.

(3) A school teacher, school librarian, school administrator, school guidance counselor, school aide, school bus driver, or school employee or school contractor who works regularly with students.

(4) A mental health professional, social worker, person or organization that offers, provides, or arranges for personal care for vulnerable adults, a caregiver employed by a vulnerable adult, employee of or contractor involved in caregiving for a community mental health center, law enforcement officer, and an individual who works regularly with vulnerable adults and who is an employee of an adult day care center, area agency on aging, senior center, or meal program designed primarily to serve vulnerable adults.

(5) A hospital, nursing home, residential care home, home health agency or any entity providing nursing or nursing related services for remuneration, intermediate care facility for adults with mental retardation, therapeutic community residence, group home, developmental home, school or contractor involved in caregiving, operator or employee of any of these facilities or agencies.

Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 33, § 6904

A report shall be made orally or in writing to the commissioner or designee as soon as possible, but in no event later than 48 hours thereafter. The report may also be made to a law enforcement officer. If an oral report is made by telephone or otherwise, the commissioner or designee shall request that it be followed within one week by a report in writing. Reports shall contain the name and address of the reporter as well as the names and addresses of the vulnerable adult and persons responsible for his or her care, if known; the age of the vulnerable adult; the nature of his or her disability, the nature and extent of the vulnerable adult's abuse, neglect or exploitation together with any evidence of previous abuse, neglect or exploitation of the vulnerable adult; and any other information that the reporter believes might be helpful in establishing the cause of any injuries or reasons for the abuse, neglect or exploitation as well as in protecting the vulnerable adult. If a report of abuse, neglect, or exploitation involves the acts or omissions of the commissioner or employees of that department, then such reports shall be directed to the secretary of the agency of human services who shall cause the report to be investigated by appropriate staff other than staff of the department.

Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 33, § 6905

	<p>When a person making a report of suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation of a vulnerable adult has reasonable cause to believe that a vulnerable adult died as a result of abuse or neglect, the department shall notify the medical examiner immediately.</p>
Virgin Islands	<p>34 V.I. Code Ann. § 453(a) – (c) and (e)</p> <p>(a) Any physician, medical intern, medical examiner, dentist, nurse, family counselor, probation officer, social worker, police officer, psychologist, coroner, physical therapist, occupational therapist, osteopath, podiatrist, executive director of home care corporation, executive director of licensed home health aide agency or executive director of homemaker service agency who has reasonable cause to believe that an elderly person or disabled adult is suffering from or has died as result of abuse, neglect, abandonment or exploitation shall immediately make a verbal report of such information or cause a report to be made to the Department, and shall within forty-eight (48) hours make a written report to the Department. The Department may bring a complaint in Superior Court against any person so required to make such report who fails to do so. Any person required to make a report under this subsection who fails to do so shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).</p> <p>(b) The executive director of a home care corporation, licensed home health agency or homemaker service agency shall establish procedures within such agency to ensure that homemakers, home health aides, case managers or other staff of said agency who have reasonable cause to believe that an elderly person or disabled adult has been abused, neglected, abandoned or exploited shall report such case to the executive director of the corporation or agency. The executive director shall immediately make a verbal report of such information or cause a report to be made to the Department, and shall within forty-eight (48) hours make a written report to the Department.</p> <p>(c) In addition to those persons required to report under this section, any other person may make such a report to the Department, if any such person has reasonable cause to believe that an elderly person or disabled adult is suffering from or has died as a result of abuse, neglect, abandonment or exploitation.</p> <p>(e) Reports made under subsections (a) and (b) shall contain:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the name, address and approximate age of the elderly person or disabled adult who is the subject of the report; (2) information regarding the nature and extent of the abuse, neglect, exploitation, or abandonment; (3) the name of the person's caretaker, if known; (4) any medical treatment being received or immediately required, if known; (5) any other information the reporter believes to be relevant to the investigation; and (6) the name and address of the reporter and where said reporter may be contacted, if the reporter wishes to provide said information.
Virginia	<p>Va. Code Ann. § 63.2-1605(H)</p> <p>H. Local departments or the adult protective services hotline, upon receiving the initial report pursuant to § 63.2-1606, shall immediately notify the local law-enforcement agency where the adult resides, or where the alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation took place, or if these places are unknown, then where the alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation was discovered,</p>

when in receipt of a report describing any of the following:

1. Sexual abuse as defined in § 18.2-67.10;
2. Death, serious bodily injury or disease as defined in § 18.2-369 that is believed to be the result of abuse or neglect; or
3. Any other criminal activity involving abuse or neglect that places the adult in imminent danger of death or serious bodily harm.

Va. Code Ann. § 63.2-1606(A) – (D) and (I) – (J)

A. Matters giving reason to suspect the abuse, neglect or exploitation of adults shall be reported immediately upon the reporting person's determination that there is such reason to suspect. Medical facilities inspectors of the Department of Health are exempt from reporting suspected abuse immediately while conducting federal inspection surveys in accordance with § 1864 of Title XVIII and Title XIX of the Social Security Act, as amended, of certified nursing facilities as defined in § 32.1-123. Reports shall be made to the local department or the adult protective services hotline in accordance with requirements of this section by the following persons acting in their professional capacity:

1. Any person licensed, certified, or registered by health regulatory boards listed in § 54.1-2503, with the exception of persons licensed by the Board of Veterinary Medicine;
2. Any mental health services provider as defined in § 54.1-2400.1;
3. Any emergency medical services personnel certified by the Board of Health pursuant to § 32.1-111.5;
4. Any guardian or conservator of an adult;
5. Any person employed by or contracted with a public or private agency or facility and working with adults in an administrative, supportive or direct care capacity;
6. Any person providing full, intermittent or occasional care to an adult for compensation, including but not limited to, companion, chore, homemaker, and personal care workers; and
7. Any law-enforcement officer.

B. The report shall be made in accordance with subsection A to the local department of the county or city wherein the adult resides or wherein the adult abuse, neglect or exploitation is believed to have occurred or to the adult protective services hotline. Nothing in this section shall be construed to eliminate or supersede any other obligation to report as required by law.

	<p>If a person required to report under this section receives information regarding abuse, neglect or exploitation while providing professional services in a hospital, nursing facility or similar institution, then he may, in lieu of reporting, notify the person in charge of the institution or his designee, who shall report such information, in accordance with the institution's policies and procedures for reporting such matters, immediately upon his determination that there is reason to suspect abuse, neglect or exploitation. Any person required to make the report or notification required by this subsection shall do so either orally or in writing and shall disclose all information that is the basis for the suspicion of adult abuse, neglect or exploitation. Upon request, any person required to make the report shall make available to the adult protective services worker and the local department investigating the reported case of adult abuse, neglect or exploitation any information, records or reports which document the basis for the report. All persons required to report suspected adult abuse, neglect or exploitation shall cooperate with the investigating adult protective services worker of a local department and shall make information, records and reports which are relevant to the investigation available to such worker to the extent permitted by state and federal law. Criminal investigative reports received from law-enforcement agencies shall not be further disseminated by the investigating agency nor shall they be subject to public disclosure.</p> <p>C. Any financial institution staff who suspects that an adult has been exploited financially may report such suspected exploitation to the local department of the county or city wherein the adult resides or wherein the exploitation is believed to have occurred or to the adult protective services hotline. For purposes of this section, financial institution staff means any employee of a bank, savings institution, credit union, securities firm, accounting firm, or insurance company.</p> <p>D. Any person other than those specified in subsection A who suspects that an adult is an abused, neglected or exploited adult may report the matter to the local department of the county or city wherein the adult resides or wherein the abuse, neglect or exploitation is believed to have occurred or to the adult protective services hotline.</p> <p>I. Any mandated reporter who has reasonable cause to suspect that an adult died as a result of abuse or neglect shall immediately report such suspicion to the appropriate medical examiner and to the appropriate law-enforcement agency, notwithstanding the existence of a death certificate signed by a licensed physician. The medical examiner and the law-enforcement agency shall receive the report and determine if an investigation is warranted. The medical examiner may order an autopsy. If an autopsy is conducted, the medical examiner shall report the findings to law enforcement, as appropriate, and to the local department or to the adult protective services hotline.</p> <p>J. No person or entity shall be obligated to report any matter if the person or entity has actual knowledge that the same matter has already been reported to the local department or to the adult protective services hotline.</p>
Washington	<p>Wash. Rev. Code § 74.34.020(8)</p> <p>(8) "Mandated reporter" is an employee of the department; law enforcement officer; social worker; professional school personnel; individual provider; an employee of a facility; an operator of a facility; an employee of a social service, welfare, mental health, adult day health, adult day care, home health, home care, or hospice agency; county coroner or medical examiner; Christian Science practitioner; or health care provider subject to chapter 18.130 RCW.</p>

Wash. Rev. Code § 74.34.035

(1) When there is reasonable cause to believe that abandonment, abuse, financial exploitation, or neglect of a vulnerable adult has occurred, mandated reporters shall immediately report to the department.

(2) When there is reason to suspect that sexual assault has occurred, mandated reporters shall immediately report to the appropriate law enforcement agency and to the department.

(3) When there is reason to suspect that physical assault has occurred or there is reasonable cause to believe that an act has caused fear of imminent harm:

(a) Mandated reporters shall immediately report to the department; and

(b) Mandated reporters shall immediately report to the appropriate law enforcement agency, except as provided in subsection (4) of this section.

(4) A mandated reporter is not required to report to a law enforcement agency, unless requested by the injured vulnerable adult or his or her legal representative or family member, an incident of physical assault between vulnerable adults that causes minor bodily injury and does not require more than basic first aid, unless:

(a) The injury appears on the back, face, head, neck, chest, breasts, groin, inner thigh, buttock, genital, or anal area;

(b) There is a fracture;

(c) There is a pattern of physical assault between the same vulnerable adults or involving the same vulnerable adults; or

(d) There is an attempt to choke a vulnerable adult.

(5) Permissive reporters may report to the department or a law enforcement agency when there is reasonable cause to believe that a vulnerable adult is being or has been abandoned, abused, financially exploited, or neglected.

(6) No facility, as defined by this chapter, agency licensed or required to be licensed under chapter 70.127 RCW, or facility or agency under contract with the department to provide care for vulnerable adults may develop policies or procedures that interfere with the reporting requirements of this chapter.

(7) Each report, oral or written, must contain as much as possible of the following information:

	<p>(a) The name and address of the person making the report;</p> <p>(b) The name and address of the vulnerable adult and the name of the facility or agency providing care for the vulnerable adult;</p> <p>(c) The name and address of the legal guardian or alternate decision maker;</p> <p>(d) The nature and extent of the abandonment, abuse, financial exploitation, neglect, or self-neglect;</p> <p>(e) Any history of previous abandonment, abuse, financial exploitation, neglect, or self-neglect;</p> <p>(f) The identity of the alleged perpetrator, if known; and</p> <p>(g) Other information that may be helpful in establishing the extent of abandonment, abuse, financial exploitation, neglect, or the cause of death of the deceased vulnerable adult.</p> <p>(8) Unless there is a judicial proceeding or the person consents, the identity of the person making the report under this section is confidential.</p> <hr/> <p>Wash. Rev. Code § 74.34.063(2) – (3)</p> <p>(2) When the initial report or investigation by the department indicates that the alleged abandonment, abuse, financial exploitation, or neglect may be criminal, the department shall make an immediate report to the appropriate law enforcement agency. The department and law enforcement will coordinate in investigating reports made under this chapter. The department may provide protective services and other remedies as specified in this chapter.</p> <p>(3) The law enforcement agency or the department shall report the incident in writing to the proper county prosecutor or city attorney for appropriate action whenever the investigation reveals that a crime may have been committed.</p>
West Virginia	<p>W. Va. Code § 9-6-9(a)</p> <p>(a) If any medical, dental or mental health professional, christian science practitioner, religious healer, social service worker, law-enforcement officer, humane officer, state or regional ombudsman or any employee of any nursing home or other residential facility has reasonable cause to believe that an incapacitated adult or facility resident is or has been neglected, abused or placed in an emergency situation, or if such person observes an incapacitated adult or facility resident being subjected to conditions that are likely to result in abuse, neglect or an emergency situation, the person shall immediately report the circumstances pursuant to the provisions of section eleven of this article: Provided, That nothing in this article is intended to prevent individuals from reporting on their own behalf.</p>

	<p>W. Va. Code § 8-6-11(a) – (c)</p> <p>(a) A report of neglect or abuse of an incapacitated adult or facility resident or of an emergency situation involving such an adult shall be made immediately by telephone to the department's local adult protective services agency and shall be followed by a written report by the complainant or the receiving agency within forty-eight hours. The department shall, upon receiving any such report, take such action as may be appropriate and shall maintain a record thereof. The department shall receive such telephonic reports on its twenty-four hour, seven-day-a-week, toll-free number established to receive calls reporting cases of suspected or known adult abuse or neglect.</p> <p>(b) A copy of any report of abuse, neglect or emergency situation shall be immediately filed with the following agencies:</p> <p>(1) The department of health and human resources;</p> <p>(2) The appropriate law-enforcement agency and the prosecuting attorney, if necessary; or</p> <p>(3) In case of a death, to the appropriate medical examiner or coroner's office.</p> <p>(c) If the person who is alleged to be abused or neglected is a resident of a nursing home or other residential facility, a copy of the report shall also be filed with the state or regional ombudsman and the administrator of the nursing home or facility.</p>
<p>Wisconsin (EPS) Wis. Stat. Ann. § 46.90 (applicable to persons who are 60 or older)</p>	<p>Wis. Stat. § 46.90(4)(ab) – (ar)</p> <p>(4) Reporting. (ab) The following persons shall file reports as specified in par. (ad):</p> <p>1. An employee of any entity that is licensed, certified, or approved by or registered with the department.</p> <p>[sic]</p> <p>3. A health care provider, as defined in s. 155.01(7).</p> <p>4. A social worker, professional counselor, or marriage and family therapist certified under ch. 457.</p> <p>(ad) Except as provided in par. (ae), a person specified in par. (ab) who has seen an elder adult at risk in the course of the person's professional duties shall file a report with the county department, the elder-adult-at-risk agency, a state or local law enforcement agency, the department, or the board on aging and long-term care if the elder adult at risk has requested the person to make the report, or if the person has reasonable cause to believe that any of the following situations exist:</p> <p>1. The elder adult at risk is at imminent risk of serious bodily harm, death, sexual assault, or significant property loss and is unable to make an informed judgment about whether to report the risk.</p>

	<p>2. An elder adult at risk other than the subject of the report is at risk of serious bodily harm, death, sexual assault, or significant property loss inflicted by a suspected perpetrator.</p> <p>(ae) A person specified in par. (ab) to whom any of the following applies is not required to file a report as provided in par. (ad):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the person believes that filing a report would not be in the best interest of the elder adult at risk. If the person so believes, the person shall document the reasons for this belief in the case file that the person maintains on the elder adult at risk. 2. If a health care provider provides treatment by spiritual means through prayer for healing in lieu of medical care in accordance with his or her religious tradition and his or her communications with patients are required by his or her religious denomination to be held confidential. <p>(ar) Any person, including an attorney or a person working under the supervision of an attorney, may report to the county department, the elder-adult-at-risk agency, a state or local law enforcement agency, the department, or the board on aging and long-term care that he or she believes that abuse, financial exploitation, neglect, or self-neglect of an elder adult at risk has occurred if the person is aware of facts or circumstances that would lead a reasonable person to believe or suspect that abuse, financial exploitation, neglect, or self-neglect of an elder adult at risk has occurred. The person shall indicate the facts and circumstances of the situation as part of the report.</p>
<p>Wisconsin (APS) Wis. Stat. Ann. §§ 55.001 – 55.23 <i>(applicable to adults with disabilities)</i></p>	<p>Wis. Stat. § 55.043(1m)(a)-(br)</p> <p>(a) The following persons shall file reports as specified in par. (b):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An employee of any entity that is licensed, certified, or approved by or registered with the department. [sic] 3. A health care provider, as defined in s. 155.01(7). 4. A social worker, professional counselor, or marriage and family therapist certified under ch. 457. <p>(b) Except as provided in par. (be), a person specified in par. (a) who has seen an adult at risk in the course of the person's professional duties shall file a report with the county department, the adult-at-risk agency, a state or local law enforcement agency, the department, or the board on aging and long-term care if the adult at risk has requested the person to make the report, or if the person has reasonable cause to believe that any of the following situations exist:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The adult at risk is at imminent risk of serious bodily harm, death, sexual assault, or significant property loss and is unable

	<p>to make an informed judgment about whether to report the risk.</p> <p>2. An adult at risk other than the subject of the report is at risk of serious bodily harm, death, sexual assault, or significant property loss inflicted by a suspected perpetrator.</p> <p>(be) A person specified in par. (a) to whom any of the following applies is not required to file a report as provided in par. (b):</p> <p>1. If the person believes that filing a report would not be in the best interest of the adult at risk. If the person so believes, the person shall document the reasons for this belief in the case file that the person maintains on the adult at risk.</p> <p>2. If a health care provider provides treatment by spiritual means through prayer for healing in lieu of medical care in accordance with his or her religious tradition and his or her communications with patients are required by his or her religious denomination to be held confidential.</p> <p>(br) Any person, including an attorney or a person working under the supervision of an attorney, may report to the county department, adult-at-risk agency, a state or local law enforcement agency, the department, or the board on aging and long-term care that he or she believes that abuse, financial exploitation, neglect, or self-neglect of an adult at risk has occurred if the person is aware of facts or circumstances that would lead a reasonable person to believe or suspect that abuse, financial exploitation, neglect, or self-neglect of an adult at risk has occurred. The person shall indicate the facts and circumstances of the situation as part of the report.</p>
Wyoming	<p>Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-20-103(a) – (d)</p> <p>(a) 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.</p> <p>(b) The report may be made orally or in writing. The report shall provide to law enforcement or the department the following, to the extent available:</p> <p>(i) The name, age and address of the vulnerable adult;</p> <p>(ii) The name and address of any person responsible for the vulnerable adult's care;</p> <p>(iii) The nature and extent of the vulnerable adult's condition;</p> <p>(iv) The basis of the reporter's knowledge;</p>

<p>(v) The names and conditions of the other residents, if the vulnerable adult resides in a facility with other vulnerable adults;</p> <p>(vi) An evaluation of the persons responsible for the care of the residents, if the vulnerable adult resides in a facility with other vulnerable adults;</p> <p>(vii) The adequacy of the facility environment;</p> <p>(viii) Any evidence of previous injuries;</p> <p>(ix) Any collaborative information; and</p> <p>(x) Any other relevant information.</p> <p>(c) After receipt of a report that a vulnerable adult is suspected of being or has been abused, neglected, exploited or abandoned or is committing self neglect, the department shall notify law enforcement and may request assistance from appropriate health or mental health agencies.</p> <p>(d) If a law enforcement officer determines that a vulnerable adult is abused, neglected, exploited or abandoned, or is committing self neglect, he shall notify the department concerning the potential need of the vulnerable adult for protective services.</p>

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