

State Adult Protective Services Laws Governing What Persons or Disciplines are Mandatory Reporters

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States and territories with no mandatory reporting	
CO, NJ, NY, ND, PR, SD, WI	
States requiring "any person" to report suspected abuse	
DE, IN, NM, NC, RI, TX, UT, WY	"Any person" with no specific occupations listed
FL, KY, LA, MS, MO, NH, OK, TN	"Any person" with specific occupations listed in addition (indicated on the chart below with an asterisk (*). Note that Missouri lists specific occupations only for reports of abuse of an "in-home services client."
SC	"any... person who has actual knowledge" of abuse (other specified occupations are mandated to report based on "having reason to believe" that abuse has occurred – these occupations are indicated below)
CA	"any person who has assumed full or intermittent responsibility for care or custody of an elder or dependent adult..."
VT	"any other concerned person not listed... who knows of or has received a complaint 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 may report or cause a report to be made..."
States requiring law enforcement/public safety employees to report suspected abuse	
HI	Law enforcement employee
ME, MT, *NH, *OK	Law enforcement official
AR, *FL, HI, KS, MI, *KY, *MS, SC, VT, VA, WA, WV	Law enforcement officer
CA	Local law enforcement agency
GA, NE	Law enforcement personnel
NV	"employee of a law enforcement agency"
IL, MN	"a professional or professional's delegate while engaged in... law enforcement"
*FL, *MS	"state, county or municipal criminal justice employee"
AK, CT, DC, ID, MD, MA	Police officer or policeman
HI	Police department employee or officer
AK	Village public safety officer
AZ, AR, IA, MT, OH, OR	Peace officer
HI	Court employee or officer
HI	Correctional institution employee or officer
HI	Parole employee or officer
HI, MA, NV	Probation employee or officer