

Alabama Mandatory Reporting Requirements Regarding Elders/Disabled	
<i>Who Must Report?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physicians;</li> <li>• Other practitioners of the healing arts; and</li> <li>• Caregivers.</li> </ul>
<i>Standard of Knowledge</i>	Reasonable cause to believe that any protected person has been subjected to physical abuse, neglect, exploitation, sexual abuse, or emotional abuse.
<i>Definition of Applicable Victim</i>	<p>A “protected person” is anyone over 18 years of age:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who has an intellectual disability or developmental disability (including but not limited to senility); or</li> <li>• Who is mentally or physically incapable of adequately caring for himself or herself and his or her interests without serious consequences to himself or herself or others.</li> </ul>
<i>Reports Made To</i>	<p>Reports should be made to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the county department of human resources or the chief of police of the city or city and county, or</li> <li>• the sheriff of the county if the observation is made in an unincorporated territory.</li> </ul> <p>Notwithstanding the above, 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.</p>
<i>Contents of Report</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The name, age, and address of the person;</li> <li>• The nature and extent of injury suffered by the person; and</li> <li>• Any other facts or circumstances known to the reporter which may aid in the determination of appropriate action.</li> </ul>
<i>Timing/Other Procedures</i>	An oral report, either by telephone or otherwise, must be made immediately, followed by a written report.
<i>Other</i>	Any physician or other practitioner of the healing arts who knowingly fails to make a required report shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment for not more than six months or a fine of not more than \$500.
<i>Source/Applicable Statute(s)</i>	Ala. Code §§ 38-9-2, 38-9-8, 38-9-10 (2009).

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