

Kentucky Mandatory Reporting Requirements Regarding Children	
<i>Who Must Report?</i>	Any person must report abuse or neglect of a child.
<i>Standard of Knowledge</i>	Knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a child is dependent, neglected, or abused.
<i>Definition of Applicable Victim</i>	<p>An abused or neglected child is one who is under the age of 18, and whose health or welfare is harmed or is threatened with harm when his parent, guardian, or other person exercising custodial control or supervision of the child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inflicts physical or emotional injury on the child or allows such injury to be inflicted; • Creates or allows to be created a risk of physical or emotional injury; • Engages in conduct that makes the parent unable to care for the needs of the child (e.g., alcohol or drug abuser); • Continuously or repeatedly fails or refuses to provide essential parental care and protection for the child, considering the age of the child; • Commits or allows to be committed sexual abuse, exploitation or prostitution of the child; • Creates or allows to be created a risk of sexual abuse, exploitation, or prostitution of the child; • Abandons or exploits the child; • Fails to provide the child with adequate care, supervision, food, clothing shelter, and education or medical care necessary to the child's well-being (exemption is made for parents who elect not to provide medical treatment for religious reasons); or • Fails to make sufficient progress on a court -approved case plan that would allow the child to be returned to the custody of the parent such that the child remains in foster care for 15 of the most recent 22 months. <p>“Dependent child” is defined as one who is under the age of 18, other than an abused or neglected child, who is under improper care, custody, control or guardianship that is not due to an intentional act of the parent, guardian or person exercising custodial control or supervision of the child.</p>
<i>Reports Made To</i>	Oral or written report must be made to local law enforcement, Department of Kentucky State Police, Department of Social Services of the Cabinet for Human Resources (Cabinet), or State or county attorney. If requested, a written report must follow an oral report.

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<i>Contents of Report</i>	All written reports must contain the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The name and address of the child and the child's parents or other persons responsible for child's care; • The child's age; • The nature and extent of child's injuries, including any previous charges of injury or abuse to the child or his or her siblings; • The name and address of person responsible for abuse or neglect; and • Any other information that reporter believes might be helpful or relevant to the investigation of the abuse or neglect.
<i>Timing/Other Procedures</i>	Oral or written report should be made immediately. If written report requested, should be made within 48 hours of the oral report.
<i>Other</i>	Intentional failure to report a suspected child abuse is a Class B misdemeanor for the first offense.
<i>Source/Applicable Statute(s)</i>	KRS §§ 600.020, 620.030 (2009).

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