

Kentucky Mandatory Reporting Requirements Regarding Elders/Disabled	
<i>Who Must Report?</i>	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. (Death of the adult does not relieve one of the responsibility for reporting the circumstances surrounding the death.)
<i>Standard of Knowledge</i>	Reasonable cause to suspect that an adult has suffered abuse, neglect, or exploitation.
<i>Definition of Applicable Victim</i>	An adult is a person who is 18 years of age or older who, because of mental or physical dysfunctioning, is unable to manage his or her own resources, carry out the activity of daily living, or protect himself or herself from neglect, exploitation, or a hazardous or abusive situation without assistance from others, and who may be in need of protective services.
<i>Reports Made To</i>	Oral or written report must be made to Department of Social Services of the Cabinet for Human Resources (Cabinet).
<i>Contents of Report</i>	All reports shall contain, if known: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name and address of the adult, or other person responsible for adult's care;</li> <li>• Adult's age;</li> <li>• The nature and extent of adult's abuse or neglect, including evidence of previous abuse, neglect; or exploitation</li> <li>• Identity of alleged perpetrator, if known;</li> <li>• Identity of reporter, if possible; and</li> <li>• Any other information that reporter believes might be helpful in establishing the cause of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.</li> </ul>
<i>Timing/Other Procedures</i>	Oral or written report should be made immediately.
<i>Other</i>	Failure to report is a Class B misdemeanor.
<i>Source/Applicable Statute(s)</i>	KRS §§ 209.020, 209.030, 209.990 (2009).

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