

Maryland Mandatory Reporting Requirements Regarding Elders/Disabled	
<i>Who Must Report?</i>	<p><u>Vulnerable adult</u>: Any health practitioner, police officer, or human service worker (which is defined as any professional employee of any public or private health or social services agency or provider, and which specifically includes any social worker or caseworker) who contacts, examines, attends, or treats an alleged vulnerable adult. These individuals are required to make a report but any person is permitted to make a report.</p> <p><u>Disabled</u>: Any person.</p>
<i>Standard of Knowledge</i>	<p><u>Vulnerable adult</u>: Reason to believe that the alleged vulnerable adult has been subjected to abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or exploitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Abuse" defined as the sustaining of any physical injury by a vulnerable adult as a result of cruel or inhumane treatment or as a result of a malicious act by any person. • "Neglect" defined as the willful deprivation of a vulnerable adult of adequate food, clothing, essential medical treatment or habilitative therapy, shelter or supervision. • "Exploitation" defined as any action which involves the misuse of a vulnerable adult's funds, property or person. • "Self neglect" defined as the inability of a vulnerable adult to provide the vulnerable adult with services (i) that are necessary for his or her physical and mental health; and (ii) the absence of which impairs or threatens his or her well-being. <p><u>Disabled</u>: "[B]elie[f] that an individual with developmental disability has been abused." "Abuse" means the sustaining of any physical injury that is inflicted willfully or with gross recklessness; inhumane treatment; or certain types of sexual abuse.</p>
<i>Definition of Applicable Victim</i>	<p><u>Vulnerable adult</u>: "Vulnerable adult" is defined as "an adult who lacks the physical or mental capacity to provide for the adult's daily needs."</p> <p><u>Disabled</u>: "Developmental disability" is defined as "a severe chronic disability of an individual that...[i]s attributable to a physical or mental impairment, other than the sole diagnosis of mental illness, or to a combination of mental and physical impairments; is manifested before the individual attains the age of 22; is likely to continue indefinitely; results in an inability to live</p>

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	independently without external support or continuing and regular assistance; and reflects the need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic care, treatment, or other services that are individually planned and coordinated for the individual.”
<i>Reports Made To</i>	<p><u>Vulnerable adult</u>: Adult Protective Services (1-800-917-7383) as soon as possible by telephone, direct communication, or in writing.</p> <p><u>Disabled</u>: The executive officer or administrative head of the licensee (defined as either (1) a person licensed by the Developmental Disabilities Administration (http://www.dhmf.state.md.us/dda/) to provide services or (2) a State residential center).</p>
<i>Contents of Report</i>	<p><u>Vulnerable adult</u>: Insofar as reasonably possible, the report should include the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name, age, and home address of the alleged vulnerable adult; • Name and home address of the person responsible for the care of the alleged vulnerable adult; • Whereabouts of the alleged vulnerable adult; • Nature of the alleged vulnerable adult’s incapacity; • 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 • Any other information that would help to determine the cause of the suspected abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or exploitation and the identity of any individual responsible for the abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or exploitation. <p><u>Disabled</u>: As much information as the reporter is able to provide</p>
<i>Timing/Other Procedures</i>	<p><u>Vulnerable adult</u>: The report must be made by telephone, direct communication, or in writing as soon as possible.</p> <p><u>Disabled</u>: Reports may be oral or written, and must be made “promptly.”</p>
<i>Other</i>	

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<i>Source/Applicable Statute(s)</i>	<u>Vulnerable adult</u> : Md. Code Ann., Fam. Law §§ 14-101, 14-302 (2009). <u>Disabled</u> : Md. Code Ann., Health-Gen. §§ 7-101, 7-1001, 7-1005 (2009).

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