

Arizona Mandatory Reporting Requirements Regarding Children	
<i>Who Must Report?</i>	Physicians, physician’s assistants, optometrists, dentists, osteopaths, chiropractors, podiatrists, behavioral health professionals, nurses, psychologists, counselors or social workers; Peace officers, members of the clergy, priests or Christian Science practitioners; Parents, stepparents or guardians of a minor; School personnel or domestic violence victim advocates; and Any other person who has responsibility for the care or treatment of a minor.
<i>Standard of Knowledge</i>	Reasonable cause to believe “that a minor is or has been the victim of physical injury, abuse, [c]hild abuse, a reportable offense or neglect that appears to have been inflicted on the minor by other than accidental means or that is not explained by the available medical history as being accidental in nature.”
<i>Definition of Applicable Victim</i>	[“Minor” is not defined.]
<i>Reports Made To</i>	Reports should be made to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a peace officer or • child protective services in the department of economic security. <p>Notwithstanding the above, if alleged abuser does not have care, custody or control of the minor, the report shall be made to a peace officer only.</p>
<i>Contents of Report</i>	The report should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The names and addresses of the minor and the minor’s parents or the person or persons having custody of the minor, if known; • the minor’s age and the nature and extent of the minor’s abuse, child abuse, physical injury or neglect, including any evidence of previous abuse, child abuse, physical injury or neglect; and • any other information that the person believes might be helpful in establishing the cause of the abuse, child abuse, physical injury or neglect.
<i>Timing/Other Procedures</i>	Reports shall be made immediately in person or by telephone and shall be followed by a written report mailed or delivered within 48 hours or on the next working day if the 48 hours expire on a weekend or holiday.
<i>Other</i>	A report of sexual abuse or conduct is not required if the conduct involves only minors who are 14-17 years of age and there is nothing to indicate that the conduct is other than consensual.

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	Anyone who fails to make a required report is guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor, except if the failure to report involves certain specific offenses listed in the statute, the person is guilty of a class 6 felony.
<i>Source/Applicable Statute(s)</i>	Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 13-3620.