

Arizona Mandatory Reporting Requirements Regarding Elders/Disabled

<i>Who Must Report?</i>	Physicians; Registered nurse practitioners; Hospital interns or residents; Surgeons; Dentists; Psychologists; Social workers; Peace officers or other persons who have responsibility for the care of an incapacitated or vulnerable adult; and Attorneys, accountants, trustees, guardians, conservators or other persons who have responsibility for preparing the tax records of an incapacitated or vulnerable adult or persons who have responsibility for any other action concerning the use or preservation of the incapacitated or vulnerable adult’s property.
<i>Standard of Knowledge</i>	“[R]easonable basis to believe that abuse or neglect of the adult has occurred.”
<i>Definition of Applicable Victim</i>	A “vulnerable adult” is an individual who is 18 years of age or older who is unable to protect himself from abuse, neglect, or exploitation by others because of a physical or mental impairment.
<i>Reports Made To</i>	Reports should be made to a peace officer or to a protective services worker. The guardian or conservator of an incapacitated or vulnerable adult must also immediately make a report to the superior court. Attorneys, accountants, trustees, guardians, conservators or other persons who have responsibility for preparing the tax records of an incapacitated or vulnerable adult or persons who have responsibility for any other action concerning the use or preservation of the incapacitated or vulnerable adult’s property may instead make a report to the public fiduciary of the county in which the incapacitated or vulnerable adult resides.
<i>Contents of Report</i>	The report should include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the names and addresses of the adult and any persons having control or custody of the adult, if known; • the adult’s age and the nature and extent of his incapacity or vulnerability; • the nature and extent of the adult’s injuries or physical neglect; and • any other information that the person reporting believes might be helpful



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	in establishing the cause of the adult's injuries or physical neglect.
<i>Timing/Other Procedures</i>	Reports must 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 person who fails to make a required report is guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor.
<i>Source/Applicable Statute(s)</i>	Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 46-451, -454.

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