

**Connecticut Mandatory Reporting Requirements Regarding Children**

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| <p><i>Who Must Report?</i></p>      | <p>Physicians or surgeons;<br/>Resident physicians or interns, whether or not licensed;<br/>Registered nurses;<br/>Licensed practical nurses;<br/>Medical examiners;<br/>Dentists;<br/>Dental hygienists;<br/>Psychologists;<br/>Coaches of intramural or interscholastic athletics;<br/>School teachers;<br/>School principals;<br/>School guidance counselors;<br/>School paraprofessionals;<br/>School coaches;<br/>Social workers;<br/>Police officers;<br/>Juvenile or adult probation officers;<br/>Juvenile or adult parole officers;<br/>Members of the clergy;<br/>Pharmacists;<br/>Physical therapists;<br/>Optometrists;<br/>Chiropractors;<br/>Podiatrists;<br/>Mental health professionals or physician assistants;<br/>Licensed or certified emergency medical services providers, alcohol and drug counselors, marital and family therapists;<br/>Sexual assault counselor or a battered women’s counselors as defined in section 52-146k;<br/>Licensed professional counselors;<br/>Any person paid to care for a child in any public or private facility, child day care center, group day care home or family day care home licensed by the state;<br/>Employees of the Department of Children and Families;<br/>Employees of the Department of Public Health who are responsible for the licensing of child day care centers, group day care homes, family day care homes or youth camps;<br/>Child Advocates and any employees of the Office of Child Advocate.</p> |
| <p><i>Standard of Knowledge</i></p> | <p>“[R]easonable cause to know or suspect that a child has been subjected to</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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|                                                                 | abuse or neglect or [observation of] the child being subjected to circumstances or conditions which would reasonably result in abuse or neglect.”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>Definition of Applicable Victim</i>                          | “Child” means any person under 18 years of age or any person under 21 years of age who is in full-time attendance in a secondary school, a technical school, a college or a state-accredited job training program.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <i>Reports Made To</i>                                          | Oral and written reports shall be made to the Commissioner of Children and Families or his representative.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <i>Contents of Report</i>                                       | <p>Reports must include the following, if known:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The names and addresses of the child and his parents or other person responsible for his care;</li> <li>• The age of the child;</li> <li>• The gender of the child;</li> <li>• The nature and extent of the child's injury or injuries, maltreatment or neglect;</li> <li>• The approximate date and time the injury or injuries, maltreatment or neglect occurred;</li> <li>• Information concerning any previous injury or injuries to, or maltreatment or neglect of, the child or his siblings;</li> <li>• The circumstances in which the injury or injuries, maltreatment or neglect came to be known to the reporter;</li> <li>• The name of the person or persons suspected to be responsible for causing such injury or injuries, maltreatment or neglect; and</li> <li>• Whatever action, if any, was taken to treat, provide shelter or otherwise assist the child.</li> </ul> |
| <i>Timing/Other Procedures</i>                                  | An oral report shall be made by a mandated reporter as soon as practicable but not later than 12 hours after the mandated reporter has reasonable cause to suspect abuse. Within 48 hours of making an oral report, a mandated reporter shall submit a written report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <i>Other</i>                                                    | Any person required to report who fails to do so shall be fined not less than                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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|                                                                 | \$500 nor more than \$2500 and shall be required to participate in an educational and training program. |
| <i>Source/Applicable Statute(s)</i>                             | Conn. Gen. Stat. § 17a-93, -101.                                                                        |

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