



Florida Mandatory Reporting Requirements Regarding Children

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| <i>Who Must Report?</i>                | Any person who knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect abuse.  |
| <i>Standard of Knowledge</i>           | Knowledge or reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused, abandoned, or neglected by a parent, legal custodian, caregiver, or other person responsible for the child’s welfare or that a child is in need of supervision and care and has no parent, legal custodian, or responsible adult relative immediately known and available to provide supervision and care |
| <i>Definition of Applicable Victim</i> | “Child” is “any unmarried person under the age of 18 years who has not been emancipated by order of the court.”  |
| <i>Reports Made To</i>                 | Reports shall be made to the Department of Children and Family Services’s central abuse hotline on the single statewide toll-free telephone number.  |
| <i>Contents of Report</i>              | Not specified.   |
| <i>Timing/Other Procedures</i>         | Reports shall be made immediately.   |
| <i>Other</i>                           | Any person required to report who fails to do so is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.   |
| <i>Source/Applicable Statute(s)</i>    | Fla. Stat. §§ 39.01, 39.201-06.  |

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