

Georgia Mandatory Reporting Requirements Regarding Elders/Disabled	
<i>Who Must Report?</i>	Any physician, osteopath, intern, resident, other hospital or medical personnel, dentist, psychologist, chiropractor, podiatrist, pharmacist, physical therapist, occupational therapist, licensed professional counselor, nursing personnel, social work personnel, day-care personnel, coroner, medical examiner, employee of a public or private agency engaged in professional health related services to elder persons or disabled adults, or law enforcement personnel
<i>Standard of Knowledge</i>	Reasonable cause to believe that a disabled adult or elder person has had a physical injury or injuries inflicted upon such disabled adult or elder person, other than by accidental means, or has been neglected or exploited
<i>Definition of Applicable Victim</i>	A “disabled adult” is “a person 18 years of age or older who is not a resident of a long-term care facility, . . . but who is mentally or physically incapacitated.” An “elder person” is “a person 65 years of age or older who is not a resident of a long-term care facility.”
<i>Reports Made To</i>	Reports shall be made to an adult protection agency providing protective services, as designated by the department or, if such agency is unavailable, to an appropriate law enforcement agency or prosecuting attorney.
<i>Contents of Report</i>	Reports shall include the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The name and address of the disabled adult or elder person; • The name and address of the disabled adult’s or elder person’s caretaker; • The age of the disabled adult or elder person; • The nature and extent of the disabled adult’s or elder person’s injury or condition resulting from abuse, exploitation, or neglect; and • Other pertinent information.
<i>Timing/Other Procedures</i>	The report may be made by oral or written communication. The statute does not provide a timeframe in which reports must be made.
<i>Other</i>	Any person required to report who fails to do so shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.
<i>Source/Applicable Statute(s)</i>	Disabled Adults and Elder Persons Protection Act; Ga. Code Ann. §§ 30-5-1 <i>et seq.</i>