

Illinois Mandatory Reporting Requirements Regarding Children

Who Must Report?

Any of the following persons or entities, who have reasonable cause to believe a child known to them in their professional or official capacity may be an abused or neglect child:

- Physician;
- Resident on a hospital staff,
- Intern;
- Hospital;
- Hospital administrator and personnel engaged in examination;
- Care and treatment persons;
- Surgeon;
- Dentist:
- Dental hygienist;
- Osteopath;
- Chiropractor;
- Podiatrist;
- Physician assistant;
- Substance abuse personnel;
- Funeral home director or employee;
- Coroner;
- Medical Examiner;
- Emergency medical technician;
- Acupuncturist;
- Crisis line or hotline personnel;
- School personnel;
- Educational advocate assigned to a child pursuant to School Code;
- Truant officers;
- Social workers;
- Social Services administrator;
- Domestic violence program personnel;
- RN;
- Licensed practical nurse;
- Genetic counselor;
- Respiratory care practitioner;
- Advanced practice nurse;
- Home health aide;
- Director or staff assistant of a nursery school or a child day care center, recreational program or facility personnel;
- Law enforcement officer;
- Licensed professional counselor;
- Licensed clinical professional counselor;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered psychologist and assistance working under direct supervision of a psychologist, psychiatrist, or field personnel of the Illinois Dept. of Public Aid, Public Health, Human Services, Corrections Human Rights, or Children and Family Services; • Supervisor and administrator of general assistance under the Illinois Public Aid Code; • Probation officer; or • Any other foster parent, homemaker or child care worker <p>Any member of the clergy having reasonable cause to believe that a child known to the member of the clergy in his or her professional capacity may be an abused child must report.</p> <p>If an allegation is raised to a school board member during the course of an open or closed school board meeting, the member shall direct or cause the school board to direct the superintendent or other equivalent school administrator to comply with reporting requirements for abuse.</p> <p>Whenever person is required to report in his capacity as a member of the staff of a medical or other public or private institution, school, faculty or agency, or as a member of the clergy, he shall make report immediately to the Department of Children and Family Services (“DCFS”) and may also notify the person in charge of such institution, etc.</p>
<i>Standard of Knowledge</i>	Reasonable cause to believe a child known to them may be an abused or neglected child. The term “reasonable cause to believe is equivalent to the term “suspect” as used in the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. § 5101)
<i>Definition of Applicable Victim</i>	Child under the age of eighteen (18) years, unless legally emancipated by reason of marriage or entry into a branch of the United States armed services.
<i>Reports Made To</i>	All reports shall be made by telephone to the central register, which is maintained by the Department of Children and Family Services (“DCFS”), on the single, State-wide, toll-free telephone number, or in person or by telephone through the nearest DCFS office.
<i>Contents of Report</i>	<p>If known, must report the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and address of the child and his parents or other persons having his custody; • Child’s age; • Nature of the child’s condition including any evidence of previous

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	<p>injuries or disabilities; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other information that the reporter believes might be helpful in establishing the cause of such abuse or neglect and the identify of the person believed to have caused such abuse or neglect.
<i>Timing/Other Procedures</i>	Must report suspected abuse or neglect <i>immediately</i> .
<i>Other</i>	Knowing and willful violation of reporting requirements is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor for a first violation and a Class 4 felony for a second or subsequent violation; except if person acted as part of a plan or scheme having as its object the prevention of discovery of an abused or neglected child by lawful authorities for the purpose of protecting or insulating any person or entity from arrest or prosecution, the person is guilty of a Class 4 felony for a first offense and a Class 3 felony for a second or subsequent offense.
<i>Source/Applicable Statute(s)</i>	325 ILCS § 5/3; 5/4; 5/7; 5/7.6; 5/7.7