

Iowa Mandatory Reporting Requirements Regarding Elders/Disabled	
<i>Who Must Report?</i>	<p>All of the following persons who, in the course of employment, examine, attend, counsel, or treat a dependent adult and reasonably believe the dependent adult has suffered abuse:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the staff of a community mental health center. • A member of the staff of a hospital. • A member of the staff or employee of a public or private health care facility as regulated by the state. • A member of the staff or employee of an elder group home as regulated by the state. • A member of the staff or employee of an assisted living program certified by the state. • A member of the staff or employee of an adult day services program regulated by the state. • A peace officer. • An in-home homemaker-home health aide. • An individual employed as an outreach person. • A health practitioner, as regulated by the state. • A member of the staff or an employee of a supported community living service, sheltered workshop, or work activity center. • A social worker. • A certified psychologist.
<i>Standard of Knowledge</i>	“Reasonably believes the dependent adult has suffered abuse.”
<i>Definition of Applicable Victim</i>	“Dependent adult” means a person eighteen years of age or older who is unable to protect his or her own interests or unable to adequately perform or obtain services necessary to meet essential human needs, as a result of a physical or mental condition which requires assistance from another.
<i>Reports Made To</i>	Report the suspected dependent adult abuse to the Department of Human Services (1-800-362-2178).
<i>Contents of Report</i>	The statutes do not specify the contents of the report.
<i>Timing/Other Procedures</i>	The statutes do not specify timing or other procedures.
<i>Other</i>	A person required to report a suspected case of dependent adult abuse who knowingly and willfully fails to do so commits a simple misdemeanor, and is civilly liable for the damages proximately caused by the failure.
<i>Source/Applicable Statute(s)</i>	IOWA CODE §§ 235B.2, 235B.3 (2007)