

Arizona Mandatory Reporting Requirements Regarding Children	
<i>Who Must Report?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physicians, physician's assistants, optometrists, dentists, osteopaths, chiropractors, podiatrists, behavioral health professionals, nurses, psychologists, counselors and social workers <i>who develop the reasonable belief (see below) in the course of treating a patient;</i> Peace officers; Members of the clergy, priests and Christian Science practitioners (unless they gained this information by a confidential communication or confession); Parents, stepparents and guardians of a minor; School personnel or domestic violence victim advocates <i>who develop the reasonable belief (see below) in the course of their employment;</i> and Any other person who has responsibility for the care or treatment of a minor.
<i>Standard of Knowledge</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reasonable belief "that a minor is or has been the victim of physical injury, abuse, child abuse, a reportable offense or neglect that appears to have been inflicted on the minor by other than accidental means or that is not explained by the available medical history as being accidental in nature"; or Reasonable belief "there has been a denial or deprivation of necessary medical treatment or surgical care or nourishment with the intent to cause or allow death of an infant."
<i>Definition of Applicable Victim</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A child is an individual under 18 years of age. An infant is a child less than 1 year of age.
<i>Reports Made To</i>	Reports should be made to a peace officer or child protective services in the department of economic security. Notwithstanding the above, if alleged abuser does not have care, custody or control of the minor, the report shall be made to a peace officer only.
<i>Contents of Report</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The names and addresses of the minor and the minor's parents or the person or persons having custody of the minor, if known; The minor's age and the nature and extent of the minor's abuse, child abuse, physical injury or neglect, including any evidence of previous abuse, child abuse, physical

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	<p>injury or neglect; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other information that the person believes might be helpful in establishing the cause of the abuse, child abuse, physical injury or neglect.
<i>Timing/Other Procedures</i>	<p>Reports shall be made immediately in person or by telephone and shall be followed by a written report within 72 hours.</p>
<i>Other</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A report of sexual abuse or conduct is not required if the conduct involves only minors who are 14-17 years of age and there is nothing to indicate that the conduct is other than consensual. If a physician, psychologist, or behavioral health professional receives a statement from a person other than a parent, stepparent, guardian, or custodian of the minor during the course of providing sex offender treatment that is not court ordered or that does not occur while the offender is incarcerated, the physician, psychologist, or behavior health professional may withhold the reporting of that statement if it is determined that it is reasonable and necessary to accomplish the purposes of the treatment. Anyone who fails to make a required report is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor, except if the failure to report involves certain specific offenses listed in the statute, the person is guilty of a Class 6 felony.
<i>Source/Applicable Statute(s)</i>	<p>Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 13-3620, 13-3623, 36-2281 (2009).</p>

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