## Colorado Mandatory Reporting Requirements Regarding Elders/Disabled

| **Who Must Report?** | The following persons are *urged* to report abuse of at-risk adults:  
Physicians, surgeons, physicians’ assistants, or osteopaths, including  
physicians in training;  
Medical examiners or coroners;  
Registered nurses or licensed practical nurses;  
Hospital and nursing home personnel engaged in the admission, care, or  
treatment of patients;  
Psychologists and other mental health professionals;  
Social work practitioners;  
Dentists;  
Law enforcement officials and personnel;  
Court-appointed guardians and conservators;  
Fire protection personnel;  
Pharmacists;  
Community-centered board staff;  
Personnel of banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions, and other  
lending or financial institutions;  
State and local long-term care ombudsmen; and  
Any caretaker, staff member, or employee of or volunteer or consultant for  
any licensed care facility, agency, home, or governing board. |
| **Standard of Knowledge** | • Observation of or knowledge of an incident that reasonably appears to be  
physical abuse, abandonment, abduction, isolation, financial abuse, or  
neglect;  
• Having been told by an elder or dependent adult that he or she has  
experienced behavior, including an act or omission, constituting physical  
abuse, abandonment, abduction, isolation, financial abuse, or neglect; or  
• Reasonable suspicion of abuse. |
| **Definition of Applicable Victim** | An “at-risk adult” means an individual 18 years of age or older who is  
susceptible to mistreatment or self-neglect because the individual is unable to  
perform or obtain services necessary for the individual’s health, safety, or  
welfare or lacks sufficient understanding or capacity to make or communicate  
responsible decisions concerning the individual’s person or affairs. |
| **Reports Made To** | Reports should be made to the county department or local law enforcement  
agency. |
| **Contents of Report** | The report shall include the following:  
• The name and address of the at-risk adult;  
• The name and address of the at-risk adult’s caretaker, if any;  
• The age, if known, of such at-risk adult;  
• The nature and extent of such at-risk adult’s injury, if any; |
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<td>Reports of the mistreatment or self-neglect of an at-risk adult, including the name and address of any at-risk adult, member of the adult’s family, or informant, or any other identifying information contained in such reports, shall be confidential, and shall not be public information.</td>
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