

North Dakota Mandatory Reporting Requirements Regarding Children	
<i>Who Must Report?</i>	Any physician, nurse, dentist, optometrist, medical examiner, coroner, other medical or mental health professional, religious practitioner of the healing arts, schoolteacher, school administrator, school counselor, addiction counselor, social worker, child care worker, foster parent, police or law enforcement officer, juvenile court personnel, probation officer, division of juvenile services employee, or member of the clergy
<i>Standard of Knowledge</i>	Knowledge of “or reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused or neglected, or has died as a result of abuse or neglect...if the knowledge or suspicion is derived from information received by that person in that person’s official or professional capacity”
<i>Definition of Applicable Victim</i>	An abused or neglected child (see N.D. Cent. Code § 50-25.1-02 for specific definition of the terms “abused child” and “neglected child”)
<i>Reports Made To</i>	County Social Service Office in the county where the child is located which can be accessed at http://www.nd.gov/humanservices/locations/countysocialserv/index.html .
<i>Contents of Report</i>	No specific information required
<i>Timing/Other Procedures</i>	Must be reported immediately
<i>Other</i>	(1) Reports may be oral or written (oral reports must be followed by written reports within 48 hours if so requested by the Department, and such requested written reports must include information specifically sought by the Department if the reporter possesses or has reasonable access to such information, a form of written report is attached to this summary and is accessible at http://www.nd.gov/eforms/Doc/sfn00960.pdf) (2) Any act or failure to act “by a person responsible for a child’s welfare which allows, permits or encourages a child to engage in prostitution or be subjected to other sexual abuses such as rape, molestation, or incest...[or] allows, permits, or encourages a child to engage in the obscene or pornographic photographing, filming, or depicting of the child for commercial purposes or otherwise, does constitute child abuse and neglect and is subject to the reporting requirements” (N.D. Atty. Gen. Op. No. 81-20) (3) “The procedures and standards for reporting, investigating, and treating all cases of medical neglect, including those in which parents refuse to provide medical care for religious reasons, are the same for all children, regardless of the religious beliefs or practices of their parents or guardians” (N.D. Atty. Gen. Op. No. 93-01) (4) “A member of the clergy...is not required to report...if the knowledge or suspicion is derived from information received in the capacity of spiritual adviser”
<i>Source/Applicable Statute(s)</i>	N.D. Cent. Code §§ 50-25.1-03, 50-25.1-04 (2007)