

District of Columbia Mandatory Reporting Requirements Regarding Elders/Disabled	
<i>Who Must Report?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservators; • Court-appointed mental retardation advocates; • Guardians; • Health-care administrators; • Licensed health professionals; • Police officers; • Bank managers; • Financial managers; and • Social workers The duty to report shall not apply to a social worker or licensed health professional who has as a client or patient, or is employed by a lawyer representing, a third person who is allegedly responsible for the abuse or neglect
<i>Standard of Knowledge</i>	“[S]ubstantial cause to believe that an adult is in need of protective services because of abuse, neglect, or exploitation by another” (as a result of the reporter’s appointment, employment, or practice).
<i>Definition of Applicable Victim</i>	<p>An “adult in need of protective services” is “an individual 18 years of age or older who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is highly vulnerable to abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or exploitation because of a physical or mental impairment, self-neglect, or incapacity; • Has recently been or is being abused, neglected, or exploited by another or meets the criteria for self-neglect; and • Has no one willing and able to provide adequate protection.”
<i>Reports Made To</i>	Reports shall be made to the division within the Department designated by the Mayor to receive these reports (currently Adult Protective Services, hotline (202) 541-3950).
<i>Contents of Report</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The name, age, physical description, and location of the adult alleged to be in need of protective services; • The name and location of the person(s) allegedly responsible for the abuse, neglect, or exploitation; • The nature and extent of the abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or exploitation; • The basis of the reporter’s knowledge; and • Any other information the reporter believes might be helpful to an investigation.
<i>Timing/Other Procedures</i>	Reports shall be made immediately and may be written or oral.
<i>Other</i>	Any person required to report who willingly fails to do so shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, subject to a fine not exceeding \$300.
<i>Source/Applicable Statute(s)</i>	D.C. Code §§ 7-1901-1912 (2008).

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