

Florida Mandatory Reporting Requirements Regarding Elders/Disabled	
<i>Who Must Report?</i>	Any person
<i>Standard of Knowledge</i>	Knowledge or has reasonable cause to suspect that a vulnerable adult has been or is being abused, neglected, or exploited
<i>Definition of Applicable Victim</i>	A “vulnerable adult” is “a person 18 years of age or older whose ability to perform the normal activities of daily living or to provide for his or her own care or protection is impaired due to a mental, emotional, long-term physical, or developmental disability or dysfunctioning, or brain damage, or the infirmities of aging.”
<i>Reports Made To</i>	Reports shall be made to the central abuse hotline on the single statewide toll-free telephone number.
<i>Contents of Report</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name, age, race, sex, physical description, and location of each victim alleged to have been abused, neglected, or exploited; • Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the victim’s family members; • Name, address, and telephone number of each alleged perpetrator; • Name, address, and telephone number of the caregiver of the victim, if different from the alleged perpetrator; • Name, address, and telephone number of the person reporting the alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation; • Description of the physical or psychological injuries sustained; • Actions taken by the reporter, if any, such as notification of the criminal justice agency; and • Any other information available to the reporting person that may establish the cause of abuse, neglect, or exploitation that occurred or is occurring.
<i>Timing/Other Procedures</i>	Reports must be made immediately. Upon receiving an oral or written report of known or suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable adult, the central abuse hotline must determine if the report requires an immediate onsite protective investigation. For reports requiring an immediate onsite protective investigation, the central abuse hotline must immediately notify the department's designated protective investigative district staff responsible for protective investigations to ensure prompt initiation of an onsite investigation. For reports not requiring an immediate onsite protective investigation, the central abuse hotline must notify the department's designated protective investigative district staff responsible for protective investigations in sufficient time to allow for an investigation to be commenced within 24 hours.
<i>Other</i>	Any person required to report who knowingly and willfully fails to do so commits a misdemeanor of the second degree.
<i>Source/Applicable Statute(s)</i>	Adult Protective Services Act, Fla. Stat. §§ 415.101-.113 (2008).

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