

Arkansas Mandatory Reporting Requirements Regarding Children	
<i>Who Must Report?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any child care worker or foster care worker; • Coroners; • Day care center workers; • Dentists; • Dental hygienists; • Domestic abuse advocates; • Domestic violence shelter employees; • Domestic violence shelter volunteers; • Employees of the Department of Human Services; • Employees working under contract for the Division of Youth Services of the Department of Human Services; • Any foster parent; • Judges; • Law enforcement officials; • Licensed nurses; • Any medical personnel who may be engaged in the admission, examination, care, or treatment of persons; • Mental health professionals; • Osteopaths; • Peace officer; • Physicians; • Prosecuting attorneys; • Resident interns; • School counselors; • School officials; • Social workers; • Surgeons; • Teachers; • Court-appointed special advocate program staff members or volunteers; • Juvenile intake or probation officers; • Any clergy member, which includes ministers, priests, rabbis, accredited Christian Science practitioners, or other similar functionaries of a religious organization (except to the extent that the clergy member has acquired knowledge of the suspected child maltreatment through communication required to be kept confidential pursuant to the religious discipline of the relevant denomination or

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	<p>faith);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees of a child advocacy center or child safety center; • Attorneys ad litem in the course of their duties as attorney ad litem; • Sexual abuse advocates and sexual abuse volunteers who work with a victim of sexual abuse as an employee of a community-based victim service or mental health agency; • Rape crisis advocates and rape crisis volunteers; • Child abuse advocates and child abuse volunteers who work with a child victim of abuse or maltreatment as an employee of a community-based victim service or mental health agency; • Victim/witness coordinators; and • Victim assistance professionals and victim assistance volunteers.
<i>Standard of Knowledge</i>	Reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been subjected to child maltreatment or that a child has died as a result of child maltreatment, or an observation of a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances that would reasonably result in child maltreatment.
<i>Definition of Applicable Victim</i>	A child is a person under the age of 18.
<i>Reports Made To</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports must be made to the Child Abuse Hotline (1-800-482-5964) established by the Department of Human Services. • Facsimile transmission and online reporting may be used in non-emergency situations by an identified reporter who provides their name and phone number and, in the case of online reporting, their email address.
<i>Contents of Report</i>	Not provided.
<i>Timing/Other Procedures</i>	Reports must be made immediately.
<i>Other</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A mandated reporter who knowingly fails to notify the Child Abuse Hotline of child maltreatment or suspected child maltreatment commits a Class A misdemeanor. • A mandated reporter who recklessly fails to notify the Child Abuse Hotline of child maltreatment or suspected child maltreatment commits a Class C misdemeanor.
<i>Source/Applicable Statute(s)</i>	Arkansas Child Maltreatment Act, Ark. Code Ann. §§ 12-18-

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