

| Colorado Mandatory Reporting Requirements Regarding Children | |
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| <i>Who Must Report?</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physicians or surgeons, including physicians in training; • Child health associates; • Medical examiners or coroners; • Dentists; • Osteopaths; • Optometrists; • Chiropractors; • Chiropodist or podiatrists; • Registered nurses or licensed practical nurses; • Hospital personnel engaged in the admission, care, or treatment of patients; • Christian science practitioners; • Public or private school officials or employees; • Social workers; • Mental health professionals; • Dental hygienists; • Psychologists; • Physical therapists; • Veterinarians; • Peace officers; • Pharmacists; • Commercial film and photographic print processors; • Firefighters; • Victim’s advocates; • Licensed professional counselors; • Licensed marriage and family therapists; • Unlicensed psychotherapists; • Clergy members (but not if the reasonable cause is acquired through a privileged communication); • Registered dietitians; • Workers in the state department of human services; • Juvenile parole and probation officers; • Child and family investigators; • Officers and agents of the state bureau of animal protection; and • Animal control officers. • Worker in a licensed child care facility or agency |
| <i>Standard of Knowledge</i> | “[R]easonable cause to know or suspect that a child has been |

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| | subjected to abuse or neglect or [observation of] the child being subjected to circumstances or conditions which would reasonably result in abuse or neglect.” |
| <i>Definition of Applicable Victim</i> | Not provided. |
| <i>Reports Made To</i> | Reports should be made to the county department or local law enforcement agency. |
| <i>Contents of Report</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The name, address, age, sex, and race of the child; • The name and address of the person responsible for the suspected abuse or neglect; • The nature and extent of the child’s injuries, including any evidence of previous cases of known or suspected abuse or neglect of the child or the child’s siblings; • The family composition; • The source of the report and the name, address, and occupation of the person making the report; • Any action taken by the reporting source; and • Any other information that the person making the report believes may be helpful. <p>If any officer or employee of a local department of health or state department of public health or environment makes a report, he or she shall include only the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The name, address, and sex of the child • The name and address of the person responsible for the child • The name and address of the person who is alleged to be responsible for the suspected abuse or neglect, if known • The general nature of the child’s injury |
| <i>Timing/Other Procedures</i> | An initial report must be made immediately. A written follow-up report shall be made “promptly.” |
| <i>Other</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A “victim’s advocate” means a person at a battered women’s shelter or rape crisis organization or a comparable community-based advocacy program for victims of domestic violence or sexual assault and does not include an advocate employed by any law enforcement agency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Whose primary function is to render advice, counsel, or assist victims of domestic or family violence or sexual assault; and |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Who has undergone not less than fifteen hours of training as a victim's advocate or, with respect to an advocate who assists victims of sexual assault, not less than thirty hours of training as a sexual assault victim's advocate; and ○ Who supervises employees of the program, administers the program, or works under the direction of a supervisor of the program. • Anyone who willfully fails to make a required report will be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor and shall be liable for damages caused thereby. |
| <i>Source/Applicable Statute(s)</i> | Child Protection Act of 1987, Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 19-3-301 <i>et seq.</i> , 26-6-104 (2009). |

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