

Florida Mandatory Reporting Requirements Regarding Children	
<i>Who Must Report?</i>	Any person.
<i>Standard of Knowledge</i>	Knowledge or reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused, abandoned, or neglected by a parent, legal custodian, caregiver, or other person responsible for the child's welfare or that a child is in need of supervision and care and has no parent, legal custodian, or responsible adult relative immediately known and available to provide supervision and care.
<i>Definition of Applicable Victim</i>	A child is "any unmarried person under the age of 18 years who has not been emancipated by order of the court."
<i>Reports Made To</i>	Reports shall be made to the Department of Children and Family Services' central abuse hotline (1-800-962-2873) or via facsimile or web-based report.
<i>Contents of Report</i>	<p>A report must contain the name of the reporter if the reporter is one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physician, osteopathic physician, medical examiner, chiropractic physician, nurse, or hospital personnel engaged in the admission, examination, care, or treatment of persons; • Other type of health or mental health professional; • Practitioner who relies solely on spiritual means for healing; • School teacher or other school official or personnel; • Social worker, day care center worker, or other professional child care, foster care, residential, or institutional worker; • Law enforcement officer; or • Judge. <p>Other reporters will be asked, but not required, to provide their names.</p>
<i>Timing/Other Procedures</i>	Reports must be submitted immediately and can be oral, written, or electronically transmitted.
<i>Other</i>	<p>Any person required to report who knowingly and willingly fails to do so is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. Any person who knowingly and willfully makes a false report is guilty of a felony of the third degree and may be fined up to \$10,000.</p> <p>Any communication involving the perpetrator or alleged perpetrator in any situation involving known or suspected child abuse, abandonment, or neglect, except communications between attorney and client, shall not be privileged and thus shall not</p>

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	constitute grounds for failing to make a mandated report.
<i>Source/Applicable Statute(s)</i>	Fla. Stat. §§ 39.01, 39.201-06 (2009).

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