

Illinois Mandatory Reporting Requirements Regarding Elders/Disabled	
<i>Who Must Report?</i>	<p>Any of the following persons, while engaged <i>in carrying out their professional duties</i>, who has reason to believe that an eligible adult has, within the previous 12 months, been subjected to abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A professional or professional’s delegate while engaged in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ social services,</li> <li>○ law enforcement,</li> <li>○ education,</li> <li>○ the care of an eligible adult or eligible adults, or</li> <li>○ any of the occupations required to be licensed under: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act;</li> <li>▪ The Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act;</li> <li>▪ The Illinois Dental Practice Act;</li> <li>▪ The Dietetic and Nutrition Services Practice Act;</li> <li>▪ The Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing Act;</li> <li>▪ The Medical Practice Act of 1987;</li> <li>▪ The Naprapathic Practice Act;</li> <li>▪ The Nurse Practice Act;</li> <li>▪ The Nursing Home Administrators Licensing and Disciplinary Act;</li> <li>▪ The Illinois Occupational Therapy Practice Act;</li> <li>▪ The Illinois Optometric Practice Act of 1987;</li> <li>▪ The Pharmacy Practice Act;</li> <li>▪ The Illinois Physical Therapy Act;</li> <li>▪ The Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987;</li> <li>▪ The Podiatric Medical Practice Act of 1987;</li> <li>▪ The Respiratory Care Practice Act;</li> <li>▪ The Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing Act;</li> <li>▪ The Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act;</li> <li>▪ The Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004; and</li> <li>▪ The Illinois Public Accounting Act.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• An employee of a vocational rehabilitation facility prescribed or supervised by the Department of Human Services;</li> <li>• An administrator, employee, or person providing services in or through an unlicensed community based facility;</li> <li>• Any religious practitioner who provides treatment by prayer or spiritual means alone in accordance with the practices of a recognized church or religious denomination, except as to</li> </ul>

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	<p>information received in any confession or sacred communication held by the denomination to be confidential;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field personnel of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, Department of Public Health, and Department of Human Services, and any county or municipal health department;</li> <li>• Personnel of the Department of Human Services, the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission, the State Fire Marshal, local fire departments, the Department on Aging and its subsidiary Area Agencies on Aging and provider agencies, and the Office of State Long Term Care Ombudsman;</li> <li>• Any employee of the State of Illinois not otherwise specified herein who is involved in providing services to eligible adults, including professionals providing medical or rehabilitation services and all other persons having direct contact with eligible adults;</li> <li>• A person who performs the duties of a coroner or medical examiner; and</li> <li>• A person who performs the duties of a paramedic or an emergency medical technician.</li> </ul>
<i>Standard of Knowledge</i>	Reason to believe that an eligible adult, who because of dysfunction is unable to seek assistance for himself or herself, has, within the previous 12 months, been subjected to abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation.
<i>Definition of Applicable Victim</i>	An eligible adult is a person 60 years of age or older who resides in a domestic living situation and is, or is alleged to be, abused, neglected, or financially exploited by another individual or who neglects himself or herself.
<i>Reports Made To</i>	Reports shall be made to the Department on Aging of the State of Illinois, which can be reached through a 24-hour Elder Abuse Hotline (1-866-800-1409).
<i>Contents of Report</i>	Not provided.
<i>Timing/Other Procedures</i>	Report must be made within 24 hours after developing the belief that an eligible adult has been subjected to abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation.
<i>Other</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any mandated reporter who makes a report shall testify fully in any judicial proceeding or administrative hearing resulting from such report, as to any evidence of abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation or the cause thereof. No evidence shall be excluded due to any privilege existing between the person</li> </ul>

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	<p>making the report and the alleged abuser or the eligible adult.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any physician who willfully fails to report as required shall be referred to the Illinois State Medical Disciplinary Board. Any dentist or dental hygienist who willfully fails to report shall be referred to the Department of Professional Regulation. Any other mandated reporter required to report suspected abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation who willfully fails to report the same is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.</li> </ul>
<i>Source/Applicable Statute(s)</i>	320 ILCS §§ 20/2, 20/4, 20/4.2 (2009).

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