

Oklahoma Mandatory Reporting Requirements Regarding Children	
<i>Who Must Report?</i>	Any person.
<i>Standard of Knowledge</i>	Reason to believe that a child is abused or neglected.
<i>Definition of Applicable Victim</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A child is an unmarried person under the age of 18 • “Abuse” means harm or threatened harm (or failure to protect from such harm) to a child’s health, safety or welfare by a person responsible for the child’s health, safety or welfare, including nonaccidental physical or mental injury, sexual abuse and sexual exploitation • “Neglect” means abandonment, failure or omission to provide adequate nurturance and affection, food, clothing, shelter, medical care, or supervision, or special care made necessary by the physical or mental condition of the child, or failure or omission to protect child from exposure to illegal activities or non-age appropriate sexual acts or materials.
<i>Reports Made To</i>	The Department of Human Services Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline (1-800-522-3511) (http://www.okdhs.org/programsandservices/cps/default.htm).
<i>Contents of Report</i>	Not specified.
<i>Timing/Other Procedures</i>	Reports must be made “promptly.”
<i>Other</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports must be made to the Department’s hotline. • Any person who has reason to believe that a child has been injured as a result of abuse or neglect must report such information (regardless of whether the information is current or historical) (Okla. Atty. Gen. Op. No. 95-018). • Under statute, physicians and other health professionals must report injuries to children under 18 to county office of Department of Human Services in county where injury occurred if appears to have been caused by physical abuse or neglect; if injury appears to be product of criminally injurious conduct, as defined by statute, physician or other health professional must also report matter to nearest appropriate law enforcement agency (Okla. Atty. Gen. Op. No. 85-116) (interpreting prior statutes). • Nothing in the applicable statute “shall be construed to mean a child is abused or neglected for the sole reason the parent, legal guardian or person having custody or control of a child, in good faith, selects and depends upon spiritual means alone through prayer, in accordance with the tenets and practice of

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	<p>a recognized church or religious denomination, for the treatment or cure of disease or remedial care of such child.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowingly and willfully failing to promptly report is a misdemeanor. • No privilege or contract shall relieve any person from the requirements of reporting pursuant to the statute.
<i>Source/Applicable Statute(s)</i>	Okla. Stat. 10A § 1-1-105, 1-2-101 (2009).

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