

Washington Mandatory Reporting Requirements Regarding Children	
<i>Who Must Report?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any person licensed by the state of Washington to practice podiatric medicine and surgery, optometry, chiropractic, nursing, dentistry, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or medicine and surgery or to provide other health services and a duly accredited Christian Science practitioner; County coroner or medical examiner; Law enforcement officer; Professional school personnel, including but not limited to teachers, counselors, administrators, child care facility personnel, and school nurses; Social service counselor; Psychologist; Pharmacist; Licensed or certified child care providers and their employees; Employee of the Washington Department of Social and Health Services and Department of Early Learning; Juvenile probation officer; Placement and liaison specialist; Responsible living skills program staff; HOPE center staff, or state family and children's ombudsman or any volunteer in the ombudsman's office; Any person, in his or her official supervisory capacity with a nonprofit or for-profit organization, has reasonable cause to believe that a child has suffered abuse or neglect caused by a person over whom he or she regularly exercises supervisory authority (note: no one shall be required to report under this section when he or she obtains the information solely as a result of a privileged communication as provided in RCW 5.60.060); Department of corrections personnel who, in the course of their employment, observe offenders or the children with whom the offenders are in contact; and Any adult who has reasonable cause to believe that a child who resides with them, has suffered severe abuse, and is able or capable of making a report.
<i>Standard of Knowledge</i>	Reasonable cause to believe that a child has suffered abuse or neglect.
<i>Definition of Applicable Victim</i>	A child is a person under 18 years of age.
<i>Reports Made To</i>	Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (1-866-

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	363-4276) or a local law enforcement agency.
<i>Contents of Report</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The identity of the alleged perpetrator, if known; • The name, address, and age of the child; • The name and address of the child's parents, stepparents, guardians, or other persons having custody of the child; • The nature and extent of the alleged injury or injuries; • The nature and extent of the alleged neglect; • The nature and extent of the alleged sexual abuse; • Any evidence of previous injuries, including their nature and extent; and • Any other information that may be helpful in establishing the cause of the child's death, injury, or injuries and the identity of the alleged perpetrator or perpetrators.
<i>Timing/Other Procedures</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report must be made immediately. • Upon request, the oral report may be followed by a written report. • The reporting requirement does not apply to the discovery of abuse or neglect that occurred during childhood if it is discovered after the child has become an adult. However, if there is reasonable cause to believe other children are or may be at risk of abuse or neglect by the accused, the reporting requirement does apply.
<i>Other</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every person who is required to make, or to cause to be made, a report and who knowingly fails to make, or fails to cause to be made, such report, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for a maximum term fixed by the court of not more than ninety days, or by a fine in an amount fixed by the court of not more than one thousand dollars, or by both such imprisonment and fine. • Social Service counselor does <i>not</i> include volunteers, through persons with professional training in social services will be required to report. <u>Doe v. Corp. of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints</u>, 167 P.3d 1193, 1203 (Wash. App. 2007).
<i>Source/Applicable Statute(s)</i>	WA ST 5.60.060, 26.44.020, 26.44.030, 26.44.040, 9A.20.021, 26.44.080 (2009).

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