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WHO IS A MANDATED REPORTER?

<https://portal.ct.gov/DCF/1-DCF/Reporting-Child-Abuse-and-Neglect#MR>

The following persons shall be mandated reporters, in accordance with CT Statutes chapter 319a - Child Welfare, Section 17a-101 includes:

- any licensed physician or surgeon
- any registered nurse
- any licensed practical nurse
- any medical examiner
- any dentist
- any dental hygienist
- any psychologist
- any school employee:
(**Note: "School employee" means:**
(A) A teacher, substitute teacher, school administrator, school superintendent, guidance counselor, psychologist, social worker, nurse, physician, school paraprofessional or coach employed by a local or regional board of education or a private elementary, middle or high school or working in a public or private elementary, middle or high school;
(B) any other person who, in the performance of his or her duties, has regular contact with students (i.e. public and private school bus drivers) and who provides services to or on behalf of students enrolled in (i) a public elementary, middle or high school, pursuant to a contract with the local or regional board of education, or (ii) a private elementary, middle or high school, pursuant to a contract with the supervisory agent of such private school.)
- social worker
- any person who holds or is issued a coaching permit by the State Board of Education, is a coach of intramural or interscholastic athletics and is eighteen years of age or older
- any individual who is employed as a coach or director of youth athletics and is eighteen years of age or older
- any individual who is employed as a coach or director of a private youth sports organization, league or team and is eighteen years of age or older
- any physical therapist
- any mental health professional
- any person who is a licensed or certified alcohol and drug counselor
- any person who is a licensed marital and family therapist
- any person who is a sexual assault counselor or a domestic violence counselor
- any person who is a licensed professional counselor
- any person paid to care for a child in any public or private facility, child day care center, group day care home or family day care home licensed by the state
- any person who is a licensed behavior analyst (added July 1, 2018).

Note:

The full list of mandated reporters is located on the Connecticut State Department of Children and Families' (DCF) Web site <https://portal.ct.gov/DCF/1-DCF/Reporting-Child-Abuse-and-Neglect#MR>

Connecticut Mandated Reporter Training for School Employees

This training is located on the Connecticut State Department of Children and Families' (DCF) Web site at <https://www.proprofs.com/training/course/?title=july2018ctmrtschoolemployee%20>. The training will take approximately 30 to 45 minutes to complete. At the end of the training, a certificate of completion will be available for downloading or emailing.

Sample information taken from the DCF Web site: [Mandated Reporting](#)

- Mandated reporters are required to report or cause a report to be made when, in the ordinary course of their employment or profession, they have reasonable cause to suspect or believe that a child under the age of 18 has been abused, neglected or is placed in imminent risk of serious harm. (Connecticut General Statutes §17a-101a).
- Child abuse occurs where a child has had physical injury inflicted upon him or her other than by accidental means, has injuries at variance with history given of them, or is in a condition resulting in maltreatment, such as, but not limited to, malnutrition, sexual molestation or exploitation, deprivation of necessities, emotional maltreatment or cruel punishment. (Connecticut General Statutes §46b-120).
- Child neglect occurs where a child has been abandoned, is being denied proper care and attention physically, emotionally, or morally, or is being permitted to live under conditions, circumstances or associations injurious to his well-being. (Connecticut General Statutes §46b-120).
- Mandated reporters who, outside the ordinary course of their employment or profession, have reasonable cause to suspect or believe that a child under the age of 18 is in imminent risk of being abused or has been abused or neglected, can and should make a report to the Careline.
- Reporters must report orally to the DCF Careline or a law enforcement agency within 12 hours of suspecting that a child has been abused or neglected and must submit a written report ([DCF-136 form](#)) to DCF within 48 hours of making the oral report. DCF is required to tape record all reports to the Careline.
- Special reporting requirements may apply for staff members of a public or private institution or facility that cares for such child, or a public or private school.
- Police must report to DCF immediately upon receipt of any oral report of abuse or neglect.
- Upon receipt of any oral report alleging sexual abuse or serious physical abuse or serious neglect, DCF must report to the appropriate state or local law enforcement agency within 12 hours.

Additional Information: Mandated Reporting

<https://portal.ct.gov/DCF/1-DCF/Reporting-Child-Abuse-and-Neglect>

- To make a child abuse or neglect report, call 1-800-842-2288 (TDD: 1-800-624-5518)
- Mandated Reporters Form: [DCF-136, Report of Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect](#)

The DCF Careline is open 24 hrs/7 days a week and staffed by full-time, highly-skilled professionals who are available to answer questions and gather critical information from callers to determine if a report meets Connecticut's statutory criteria for child abuse or neglect. Reports that meet the criteria are forwarded to a DCF case investigator for prompt and appropriate action. Current law requires that DCF make its best effort to begin an investigation within two hours if there is imminent risk of physical harm and within 72 hours for other reports. In situations where it has been determined that an investigation is not warranted, the Careline worker may refer the caller to an appropriate service program in his/her community. If child abuse or neglect is substantiated, a case may be opened by the Department for protective services provided by staff from the DCF Regional Office or sub-office covering the child's hometown.

Connecticut State Department of Children and Families Mandated Reporter Program Information

<https://portal.ct.gov/DCF/Mandated-Reporter-Training/Home>

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For further information, please contact [DCF Academy for Workforce Development](#).

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Frequently Asked Questions : Mandated Reporting

Answers to the following questions are located on the DCF Web site at <https://portal.ct.gov/DCF/I-DCF/Reporting-Child-Abuse-and-Neglect#MR>:

- Can I be sued if I make a report?
- Definitions of Abuse and Neglect
- Do I have to notify the parents that I made a report?
- How to Report
- Mandated Reporters Form: DCF-136, Report of Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect
- What happens after I report?
- What information must be reported?
- Who do I need to contact if I suspect child abuse?
- Will my report be confidential or anonymous?

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