

Reporting Child Abuse And Neglect

Under Virginia law, certain professionals are **required** to report when acting in a professional capacity and are known as Mandated Reporters. These professionals include:

- Persons licensed to practice medicine or any of the healing arts;
- Hospital residents or interns;
- Persons employed in the nursing profession;
- Social workers;
- Eligibility workers in a local department of social services;
- Probation officers;
- Teachers or other persons employed in a public or private school, kindergarten, or nursery school;
- Persons providing full or part-time child care for pay on a regular basis;
- Mental health professionals;
- Law enforcement officers;
- Professional staff persons employed by a public or private hospital, institution, or facility in which children are placed;
- Persons 18 years or older associated with or employed by any public or private organization responsible for the care, custody, and control of children;
- Mediators certified to receive court referrals;
- Volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA);
- Persons employed by public or private institutions of higher education other than attorneys employed by institutions of higher education as it relates to information gained in the course of providing legal representation to a client;
- Athletic coaches, directors or other persons 18 years of age or older, employed by or volunteering with a private sports organization or team;
- Administrators or employees, 18 years of age or older, of public or private day camps, youth centers and youth recreation programs; and
- Any person 18 years of age or older, who has received training approved by the Department of Social Services for the purposes of recognizing and reporting child abuse and neglect.