

Minnesota

Child Abuse and Neglect

Mandatory Reporters of Child Abuse and Neglect

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Professionals Required to Report

Citation: Ann. Stat. § 626.556, Subd. 3

Mandatory reporters include:

- A professional or professional's delegate who is engaged in the practice of the healing arts, hospital administration, psychological or psychiatric treatment, child care, education, social services, correctional supervision, probation or correctional services, or law enforcement
- A member of the clergy who received the information while engaged in ministerial duties

Reporting by Other Persons

Citation: Ann. Stat. § 626.556, Subd. 3

Any other person may voluntarily report if the person knows, has reason to believe, or suspects that a child is being neglected or subjected to sexual or physical abuse.

Standards for Making a Report

Citation: Ann. Stat. § 626.556, Subd. 3

A report is required when a reporter knows or has reason to believe that a child is being neglected or sexually or physically abused, or has been neglected or physically or sexually abused within the preceding 3 years.

Privileged Communications

Citation: Ann. Stat. § 626.556, Subd. 3 & 8

A member of the clergy is not required by this subdivision to report information that is otherwise privileged under § 595.02, subdivision 1, paragraph (c).

No evidence relating to the neglect or abuse of a child, or to any prior incidents of neglect or abuse involving any of the same persons accused of neglect or abuse, shall be excluded in any

proceeding on the grounds of privilege set forth in § 595.02, subdivision 1, paragraph (a) [husband-wife], (d) [medical practitioner-patient], or (g) [mental health professional-client].

Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report

Citation: Ann. Stat. § 626.556, Subd. 7

The written report from a mandatory reporter must include the name and address of the reporter.

Disclosure of Reporter Identity

Citation: Ann. Stat. § 626.556, Subd. 11

The name of the reporter shall be kept confidential while the report is under investigation. After the investigation is complete, the subject of the report may compel disclosure of the name only upon the reporter's consent or a finding by the court that the report was false and made in bad faith.