

Pennsylvania- Mandated Reporter Laws

ChildLine: 1-800-932-0313

Reporters of Child Abuse:

Permissive Reporters- those who can

Mandated Reporters- those who must by law

Are you a mandated reporter?

<http://www.keepkidssafe.pa.gov/about/mandatedreporter/index.htm>

When must a mandated reporter make a report?

A mandated reporter must make a report of suspected child abuse if they have reasonable cause to suspect that a child is a victim of child abuse under any of the following circumstances:

- The mandated reporter comes into contact with the child in the course of employment, occupation and practice of a profession or through a regularly scheduled program, activity or service.
- The mandated reporter is directly responsible for the care, supervision, guidance or training of the child, or is affiliated with an agency, institution, organization, school, regularly established church or religious organization or other entity that is directly responsible for the care, supervision, guidance or training of the child.
- A person makes a specific disclosure to the mandated reporter that an identifiable child is the victim of child abuse.
- An individual 14 years of age or older makes a specific disclosure to the mandated reporter that the individual has committed child abuse.

How to report suspected or known child abuse:

Mandated reporters must make an immediate and direct report of suspected child abuse to ChildLine either electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis or by calling 1-800-932-0313. Permissive Reporters can make an immediate and direct report by calling ChildLine.

After making a report to ChildLine:

After making the report to ChildLine by phone or electronically, you are required to immediately thereafter notify the person in charge of the institution, school, facility or agency or the designated agent of the person in charge. After calling ChildLine, a call to local CYS is recommended and a reporter must complete a CY-47 form.

CY-47

http://www.keepkidssafe.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/form/c_137044.pdf

For more information: <http://www.keepkidssafe.pa.gov/>

(information compiled by NOVA – Network of Victim’s Assistance – www.novabucks.org)

