

# MANDATED REPORTING OF *Child Abuse/Neglect in Vermont*

If you work in one of the professions listed on the back, you are a *mandated reporter* and this information applies to you.

## What is my legal obligation?

Mandated reporters are legally required to report suspected abuse/neglect to the Family Services Division (FSD) — within 24 hours of receiving or observing information related to the suspected abuse/neglect.

## How do I make a report?

Call us at **1-800-649-5285** (24 hours a day, 7 days a week).

If a child is in *immediate danger*:

- ⇒ Dial 911 or your local police first; and
- ⇒ Then, call FSD to make a report.

## Where can I get more information?

Visit *mandatedreporters.vt.gov* to:

- ⇒ Learn more about reporting;
- ⇒ Sign up to get email updates; and
- ⇒ Participate in online training.

## Vermont's Child Protection Line

Call FSD to report suspected child abuse or neglect (24 hours a day, 7 days a week).



## Mandated Reporters in Vermont

A mandated reporter is *any*:

- ⇒ Health care provider, including any chiropractor, dentist, emergency medical personnel, hospital administrator, intern, licensed practical nurse, medical examiner, osteopath, pharmacist, physician, physician assistant, psychologist, registered nurse, resident physician, and surgeon;
- ⇒ Individual who is employed by a school district or an approved or recognized independent school, or contracted and paid by a school district or an approved or recognized independent school to provide student services, including any school superintendent, school principal, headmaster of an approved or recognized independent school, school teacher, student teacher, school librarian, and school guidance counselor;
- ⇒ Agency of Human Services employee, contractor, or grantee who has contact with clients;
- ⇒ Camp administrator, counselor and owner;
- ⇒ Mental health professional; and
- ⇒ Child care worker, clergy member, police officer, probation officer and social worker.

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**Tip:** Before you call, try to have as much information on hand as possible (e.g., the child's name, date of birth, address, school or child care provider, and parents' names).

Protecting children is everyone's business!