

Mandatory Reporting Guidelines for Kansas

Division of Children & Families - Mandatory Reporters

o **Report Suspected Abuse or Neglect!** o If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, please telephone the **Kansas Protection Report Center at 1-800-922-5330**. Every call is taken seriously and every effort will be made to protect your identity. Telephone lines are staffed 24 hours a day. In the event of an emergency, contact our local law enforcement or call 911. For more information, go to **Child Protective Services at: www.dcf.ks.gov**. o If you would like support in reporting suspected abuse, please let your administrator know. o Make sure that you also share your concerns with the nurse and principal so that we can also take necessary action. Please understand that telling us does not fulfil your obligations as a mandatory reporter. o Refer to “**A Guide for Reporting Abuse and Neglect**” <https://www.kcsl.org/PDFs/Guide%20to%20Reporting%20Abuse%20and%20Neglect%209-27-16.pdf> for additional information and guidance.

STATE STATUTES: Kansas Individual Responsibility to Report

Citation: Ann. Stat. § 38-2223

When any mandated reporter has reason to suspect that a child has been harmed as a result of physical, mental, or emotional abuse or neglect or sexual abuse, the person shall report the matter promptly as provided below. The report may be made orally and shall be followed by a written report if requested.

Content of Reports Citation: Ann. Stat. § 38-2223

Every report shall contain, if known:

- The names and addresses of the child and the child's parents or other persons responsible for the child's care
- The location of the child if other than the child's residence
- The child's gender, race, and age
- The reasons the reporter suspects the child may be a child in need of care
- The nature and extent of the harm to the child, including any evidence of previous harm

- Any other information that the reporter believes might be helpful in establishing the cause of the harm and the identity of the persons responsible for the harm

When reporting a suspicion that a child may be in need of care, the reporter shall disclose protected health information freely and cooperate fully with the secretary and law enforcement throughout the investigation and any subsequent legal process.

Agency Receiving the Reports Citation: Ann. Stat. § 38-2223

Reports shall be made to the secretary of **Social and Rehabilitation Services**, except as follows:

- When the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services is not open for business, reports shall be made to the appropriate law enforcement agency. On the next day that the department is open for business, the law enforcement agency shall report to the department any report received and any investigation initiated pursuant to § 38-2226. The reports may be made orally or, on request of the secretary, in writing.
- Reports of child abuse or neglect occurring in an institution operated by the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services or the Department of Juvenile Justice shall be made to the attorney general.
- Reports of child abuse or neglect committed by persons employed by the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, or the children of employees, shall be made to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

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