

## INTERVENTION

### What is a Mandated Reporter?

Mandated reporters are people required by law to report suspected child abuse. Anyone may make a report, but mandated reporters are held to higher standards and can face consequences for not reporting suspected abuse. Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Law (CPSL) states the following individuals are mandated reporters:

- A person licensed to practice in any health-related field
- Medical examiner, coroner, or funeral director
- An employee of a health care facility who is involved in the admission, examination, or care of individuals
- School employees
- An employee of a child care service who has direct contact with children
- Spiritual leader or religious healer of any regularly established church or religious organization
- An individual (paid or unpaid) who on the basis of role, accepts responsibility for a child (e.g., coach, Boy Scout leader)
- An employee of a social services agency who has direct contact with children
- Peace officer or law enforcement official
- Emergency medical services provider
- An employee of a public library who has direct contact with children
- Individual supervised by anyone listed above who has direct contact with children
- An independent contractor who has direct contact with children
- An attorney affiliated with an agency that is responsible for the care or supervision of children
- A foster parent

### If you suspect abuse and are unsure of whether to make a report, consider if:

You are a mandated reporter.

There is an identifiable child, and there is suspected abuse.

There is an identifiable adult with a disability or an elder adult, and there is suspected abuse.



### If any of the above are true, then you must make a report.

Remember, you should report suspected abuse even if the information is from a third party, as long as there is an identifiable child or adult.

You don't need to find out more information or confirm the abuse before reporting.

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If unsure about making a report, contact ChildLine or Adult Protective Services. They will direct the information to the appropriate authorities and decide if further action is needed. t to justice.

## Steps for Reporting Suspected Abuse

- Gather information regarding the suspected abuse. You do not have to find out additional information about the suspected abuse above and beyond what was told to you or what you observed yourself. It is the county agency's responsibility to investigate allegations and determine if it is abuse.
- Make a report online or call ChildLine at 1-800-932-0313 for children under the age of 18. To report suspected abuse for an individual with a disability age 18-59, or anyone over the age of 60, contact Adult Protective Services (APS) at 1-800-490-8505
  - If you are a mandated reporter and call ChildLine, you will have to submit Form CY47 to the County Children and Youth Agency within 48 hours. If you make a report to APS as a mandated reporter, you will need to fax a written report to 484-434-1590 or email [mandatoryron@libertyhealth.com](mailto:mandatoryron@libertyhealth.com)



- When making a report, provide any information that is available, including the contact information, the name and age of the individual, the suspected abuse, and the information for the perpetrator (if available). It is okay if there is incomplete information.
  - The trained specialist will forward the information from the report to the appropriate authorities.
- Check with your institution for additional reporting requirements.

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