

Picture Guide to Mandated Reporting for Adults with Disabilities

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NOTE: If you are explaining this guide to someone please let them know if you are a mandated reporter or not.

Here are ways to explain if you need to make a report or not.

For mandated reporter

“I am a mandated reporter. I will need to report certain information you share with me to Adult Protective Services for investigation. This guide will explain what information I need to report. You have control over the information you share with me.”

For people who are not mandated reporters

“I am not a mandated reporter. I am not required to report any information that you share with me. I can help you if you would like to make a report.”

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Important things to know

- Abuse is not your fault
- You have a right to protection
- You get to decide what information you share
- You have a right to report
- You are not responsible for what happens after a report
- It is not your fault if someone gets in trouble

What is mandated reporting

Mandated reporting is when certain people have to tell someone about physical or sexual abuse, neglect or mistreatment of a vulnerable adult.

Mandated is another word for required. This means a mandated reporter needs to tell even if they do not want to or if you do not want them to tell.

The law says you are a vulnerable adult if you are 18 years of age or older *and*

- You live in a group home, nursing home, or place that has staff that provides care *or*
- You get services that:
 - Support you at home
 - Support you at work *or*
- You have a physical or mental disability that makes it difficult for you to take care of yourself or protect yourself from harm

Who is a mandated reporter

A person is a mandated reporter if the person is a

- Law enforcement officer like the police



- Nurse, doctor, dentist



- Teacher



- Social worker, case manager, case worker



A person is a mandated reporter if they provide support for you

- At your work



- In your home



Important to note: Anyone can report suspected abuse of a vulnerable adult even if that person is not a mandated reporter. If you are unsure if someone will report you can always ask.

Who is not a mandated reporter

People who are not paid to support you. This often includes

- Friends



- Family



- Partner, boyfriend, girlfriend, husband, wife



This includes people who work at grocery stores, gas stations, libraries, and other places you might spend your time.

What if you do not want to report

You get to decide what information you share.

If you do not want to report abuse, neglect, or being taken advantage of do not tell a person who is a mandated reporter. If you are unsure if someone will report you can always ask.



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How to ask if someone is a mandated reporter

If you are unsure if someone is a mandated reporter you can always ask.

You might ask

“Are you a mandated reporter?”

Or

“Will you report things I tell you?”



What information needs to be reported

There are three areas that require a mandated reporter to report. These areas are

- Abuse



- Neglect



- Financial exploitation



Physical abuse is when someone

- Hits you
- Slaps you
- Kicks you
- Pinches you
- Bites you

Physical abuse can be when someone does not give you the medication you need. It can be when someone gives you medications to make you feel or act the way they want you to.



Emotional abuse is when someone

- Yells at you
- Lies to you
- Bullies or calls you names
- Tricks you into doing things you do not want to do
- Says they will hit or harm you
- Keeps you in a place where you do not feel safe
- Keeps you away from others for no reason



Sexual abuse is when someone does sexual things to you you do not want. Sexual abuse is when someone makes you do sexual things you do not want to do. Such as

- Touches your genitals or your body
- Makes you touch their genitals
- Shows you private areas of their body
- Makes comments about your body or sex
- Takes pictures of your body



Sexual abuse can happen with or without clothes on.

You can say yes to doing something sexual with someone. If this person is in a position of control or has influence over you it may still require a report.

- Staff who help you with activities of daily life



- Doctors, nurses, therapists



- Social workers



People in positions of control or influence are

- Faith leaders, pastors, priests



- Parents, brother, sister guardians



- Bosses, managers, supervisors



Neglect is when your basic needs are not met. Basic needs are

- Good food to eat and water to drink



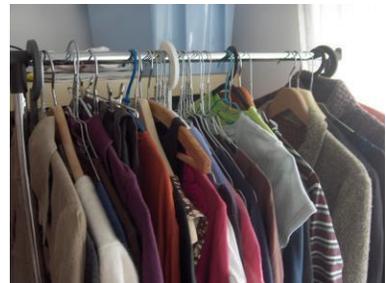
- A home



- Medication



- Clothes



- Support to keep you safe



A mandated reporter might need to make a report if you do not

- Take care of yourself
- Take care of your home
- Take care of your health

This is called self neglect.



A mandated reporter will need to make a report if someone who is paid or expected to help you does not take care of you.



If someone does not use your money for you or what you need it is called financial exploitation. It is when someone

- Steals money from you
- Bullies you for money
- Spends your money on themselves
- Does not use your money to buy you the things you need



What information is needed for a report

- Your name
- Your address
- When the abuse, neglect, or exploitation happened
- Name of the person who abused, neglected, or took advantage of you



A person is holding a tablet displaying a form titled "PERSONAL INFORMATION". The form has the following fields:

PERSONAL INFORMATION		
Last Name	First Name	Middle
Address	City	State

Who can make a report

You can choose to make a report yourself.



You can choose to make a report with a mandated reporter.



You can choose not to make a report. If you share information about abuse, neglect, or exploitation with a person who is a mandated reporter they will need to make a report without you.



You get to decide what information you share.

How to Make a Report

You can make a report by phone to the Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center - MAARC.

The phone number is **1-844-880-1574**.



A mandated reporter can make a report by phone or computer.



If you want to ask a mandated reporter or someone else you trust to help you make a report you can say something like

“Can you help me make a report to the Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center”

Or

“I need to report something. Can you help me make a report to the state?”



What happens with the information

The reporter will give the information to the Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center.

You will be told if a report has been made.



A photograph of a person's hands holding a tablet computer. The tablet screen displays a form titled "PERSONAL INFORMATION" in a black header bar. Below the header, the form is divided into several sections by horizontal lines. The first section contains three columns: "Last Name", "First Name", and "Middle". The second section contains two columns: "Address" and "City". The third section contains one column: "State". The form is otherwise blank, with no text entered in the fields.

What happens after a report is made

The Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center will decide

- If they will investigate
- Who will investigate
- If they need to make a report to the police

You will be told if there will be an investigation or not.



How a report can impact your life

During an investigation someone from Adult Protection might talk with

- You
- The person who reported
- The person who was reported for abuse, neglect, or exploitation
- Other people who might have information

You will be told the results of the investigation.



If the investigation confirms abuse, neglect, or exploitation the person might

- Not see you or support you anymore
- Lose their job
- Be charged with a crime
- Go to jail



What happens to that person is not your fault.

If an investigation can not prove that abuse, neglect, or exploitation happened it does not mean it did not happen to you.

If abuse is not confirmed the person reported for abuse, neglect, or exploitation might

- Continue to see you
- Work or spend time with other people you know
- Not get in trouble

What happens to that person is not your fault.

If an investigation can not prove that abuse, neglect, or exploitation happened it does not mean it didn't happen to you. If you experience abuse, neglect, or exploitation again you can make another report.

You can contact other places to talk about what happened and help you make a plan to keep yourself safe. You have a right to be safe.

The Arc Minnesota 1-952-920-0855

- Information and assistance about abuse and prevention statewide.



Sexual Violence Center 1-612-871-5111

- You can call if you have ever experienced sexual violence. Hennepin, Carver, and Scott Counties.



Day One 1-866-223-1111

- Domestic and sexual assault support statewide.



Suicide Lifeline 1-800-273-8255

- For people in distress, prevention, and crisis resources.





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