

Alabama Mandatory Reporting Requirements Regarding Elders/Disabled	
<i>Who Must Report?</i>	Physicians; Other practitioners of the healing arts; and Caregivers
<i>Standard of Knowledge</i>	“[R]easonable cause to believe that any protected person has been subjected to physical abuse, neglect, exploitation, sexual abuse, or emotional abuse.”
<i>Definition of Applicable Victim</i>	A “protected person” is anyone over 18 years of age who is “senile, mentally ill, developmentally disabled, or mentally retarded, or any person over 18 years of age who is mentally or physically incapable of adequately caring for himself or herself and his or her interests without serious consequences to himself or herself or others.”
<i>Reports Made To</i>	Reports should be made to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the county department of human resources or the chief of police of the city or city and county, or</li> <li>• the sheriff of the county if the observation is made in an unincorporated territory.</li> </ul> <p>Notwithstanding the above, reports of a nursing home employee who abuses, neglects, or misappropriates the property of a nursing home resident shall be made to the Department of Public Health.</p>
<i>Contents of Report</i>	The report should include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• name, age, and address of the person;</li> <li>• nature and extent of injury suffered by the person; and</li> <li>• any other facts or circumstances known to the reporter which may aid in the determination of appropriate action.</li> </ul>
<i>Timing/Other Procedures</i>	An oral report, either by telephone or otherwise, must be made immediately, followed by a written report.
<i>Other</i>	N/A
<i>Source/Applicable Statute(s)</i>	Ala. Code §§ 38-9-2, -8.