

District of Columbia Mandatory Reporting Requirements Regarding Children	
<i>Who Must Report?</i>	<p>Child and Family Services Agency employees, agents, and contractors, and every physician, psychologist, medical examiner, dentist, chiropractor, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, person involved in the care and treatment of patients, law-enforcement officer, school official, teacher, athletic coach, Department of Parks and Recreation employee, public housing resident manager, social service worker, day care worker, domestic violence counselor, and mental health professional.</p> <p>A “domestic violence counselor” is defined as “an employee, contractor, or volunteer of a domestic violence program who:</p> <p>(A) Is rendering support, counseling, or assistance to a victim;</p> <p>(B) Has undergone not less than 40 hours of domestic violence counselor training conducted by a domestic violence program [includes a domestic violence hotline] that includes dynamics of domestic violence, trauma resulting from domestic violence, crisis intervention, personal safety, risk management, criminal and civil court processes, and resources available to victims; and</p> <p>(C)(i) Is or is under the supervision of a licensed social worker, nurse, physician, psychologist, or psychotherapist; or</p> <p>(ii) Is or is under the supervision of a person who has a minimum of 5 years of experience rendering support, counseling, or assistance to persons against whom severe emotional abuse or a criminal offense has been committed or is alleged to have been committed, of which at least 2 years of experience involves victims.”</p>
<i>Standard of Knowledge</i>	Knowledge or reasonable cause to suspect that a child known to the reporter in his or her professional or official capacity has been or is in immediate danger of being a mentally or physically abused or neglected child.
<i>Definition of Applicable Victim</i>	“Child” is not defined in the statute.
<i>Reports Made To</i>	Reports shall be made to the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia or the Child and Family Services Agency.
<i>Contents of Report</i>	<p>Reports must contain the following information, if known:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The name, age, sex, and address of the following individuals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The child who is the subject of the report; ○ Each of the child’s siblings and other children in the

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	<p style="text-align: center;">household; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Each of the child’s parents or other persons responsible for the child’s care; • The nature and extent of the abuse or neglect of the child and any previous abuse or neglect, if known; • All other information which the person making the report believes may be helpful in establishing the cause of the abuse or neglect and the identity of the person responsible for the abuse or neglect; and • If the source was required to report, the identity and occupation of the source, how to contact the source and a statement of the actions taken by the source concerning the child.
<i>Timing/Other Procedures</i>	An oral report shall be made immediately, with a written report to follow, if requested by the police or agency.
<i>Other</i>	Any person required to report who fails to do so shall be fined not more than \$300 or imprisoned for not more than 90 days or both
<i>Source/Applicable Statute(s)</i>	Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Act of 1977, D.C. Code §§ 4-1321.01 <i>et seq.</i>