

Delaware Mandatory Reporting Requirements Regarding Children	
<i>Who Must Report?</i>	Any physician or other person in the healing arts, including any person licensed to render services in medicine, osteopathy, dentistry, any intern, resident, nurse, school employee, social worker, psychologist, medical examiner or any other person who knows or in good faith suspects child abuse or neglect. [Note: “[A]ny other person” appears to refer to any other person in the healing arts, but the Delaware Attorney General has indicated that this provision refers to <i>any</i> other person.]
<i>Standard of Knowledge</i>	<p>Knowledge of or good faith suspicion of child abuse or neglect</p> <p>“Abuse” is “any physical injury to a child by those responsible for the care, custody and control of the child, through unjustified force . . . , emotional abuse, torture, criminally negligent treatment, sexual abuse, exploitation, maltreatment or mistreatment.”</p> <p>“Neglect” is “the failure to provide, by those responsible for the care, custody and control of the child, the proper or necessary: Education as required by law; nutrition; or medical, surgical or any other care necessary for the child’s well-being.”</p>
<i>Definition of Applicable Victim</i>	“Child” means any person under 18 years of age or any person under 21 years of age.
<i>Reports Made To</i>	Reports shall be made to the Division of Child Protective Services of the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families.
<i>Contents of Report</i>	<p>None listed in the statute. The reporting form requires the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child’s name, address, date of birth/age, race, and sex;</li> <li>• The child’s parents’ or custodians’ name[s] address[es], date[s] of birth/age[s], race, and sex;</li> <li>• Languages spoken by the child and the parents or custodians;</li> <li>• Disabilities of the child and the parents or custodians; and</li> <li>• A description of the abuse.</li> </ul>
<i>Timing/Other Procedures</i>	An oral report shall be made immediately through the 24-hour statewide toll-free hotline (1-800-292-9582).
<i>Other</i>	Any person required to report who fails to do so shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or shall be imprisoned not more than 15 days, or both.

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<i>Source/Applicable Statute(s)</i>	Delaware Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, Del. Code. Ann. tit. 16 §§ 901 <i>et seq.</i> ; Del. Op. Att’y Gen. 3W-025.
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