

Georgia Mandatory Reporting Requirements Regarding Children	
<i>Who Must Report?</i>	Physicians licensed to practice medicine, interns, or residents; Hospitals or medical personnel; Dentists; Licensed psychologists and persons participating in internships; Podiatrists; Registered professional nurses or licensed practical nurses; Professional counselors, social workers, or licensed marriage and family therapists; School teachers; School administrators; School guidance counselors, visiting teachers, school social workers, or school psychologists; Child welfare agency personnel; Child-counseling personnel; Child service organization personnel; and Law enforcement personnel.
<i>Standard of Knowledge</i>	Reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused
<i>Definition of Applicable Victim</i>	“Child” is any person under the age of 18.
<i>Reports Made To</i>	Reports shall be made to a child welfare agency providing protective services, as designated by the Department of Human Resources, or, in the absence of such agency, to an appropriate police authority or district attorney
<i>Contents of Report</i>	Report must include the following information, if known: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The names and addresses of the child and the child’s parents or caretakers, if known; • The child’s age; • The nature and extent of the child’s injuries, including any evidence of previous injuries; and • Any other information that the reporting person believes might be helpful in establishing the cause of the injuries and the identity of the perpetrator.
<i>Timing/Other Procedures</i>	An oral report shall be made immediately, but in no case later than 24 hours from the time there is reasonable cause to believe a child has been abused, by telephone or otherwise and followed by a report in writing, if requested.
<i>Other</i>	Any person required to report who fails to do so shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.
<i>Source/Applicable Statute(s)</i>	Ga. Code Ann. § 19-7-5.