

## **MANDATORY REPORTER INFORMATION**

### **KANSAS**

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#### **Kansas Professionals Required to Report**

K.S.A. § 38-2223

The following persons are required to report:

- Persons providing medical care or treatment, including persons licensed to practice the healing arts, dentistry, and optometry; persons engaged in postgraduate training programs approved by the State Board of Healing Arts; licensed professional or practical nurses; and chief administrative officers of medical care facilities
- Persons licensed by the State to provide mental health services, including psychologists, clinical psychotherapists, social workers, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, and registered alcohol and drug abuse counselors
- Teachers, school administrators, or other employees of an educational institution that the child is attending
- Licensed child care providers or their employees at the place where the child care services are being provided to the child
- Firefighters, emergency medical services personnel, law enforcement officers, juvenile intake and assessment workers, court services officers, community corrections officers, case managers, and mediators • Employees or volunteers for any organization, whether for profit or not-for-profit, that provides social services to pregnant teenagers, including, but not limited to, counseling, adoption services, and pregnancy education and maintenance

#### **Reporting by Other Persons**

K.S.A. § 38-2223

Any person who has reason to suspect that a child may be a child in need of care may report.

#### **Institutional Responsibility to Report**

K.S.A. § 38-2223

Reports of child abuse or neglect occurring in an institution operated by the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services or the Department of Juvenile Justice shall be made to the attorney general. All other reports of child abuse or neglect by persons employed by or of children of persons employed by the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services shall be made to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

## **Standards for Making a Report**

K.S.A. § 38-2223

A report is required when a reporter has reason to suspect that a child has been harmed as a result of physical, mental, or emotional abuse or neglect or sexual abuse.

## **Privileged Communications**

K.S.A. § 38-2249

In all proceedings under this code, the rules of evidence of the code of civil procedure shall apply, except that no evidence relating to the condition of a child shall be excluded solely on the ground that the matter is or may be the subject of a physician-patient privilege, psychologist-client privilege, or social worker-client privilege.

## **Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report**

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

## **Disclosure of Reporter Identity**

K.S.A. § 38-2213

Information authorized to be disclosed in this subsection shall not contain information that identifies a reporter of a child alleged or adjudicated to be a child in need of care.

## MISSOURI

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## **Missouri Professionals Required to Report**

RSMo. §§ 210.115; 352.400; 568.110

Professionals required to report include:

- Physicians, medical examiners, coroners, dentists, chiropractors, optometrists, podiatrists, residents, interns, nurses, hospital and clinic personnel, or other health practitioners
- Daycare center workers or other child care workers, teachers, principals, or other school officials • Psychologists, mental health professionals, or social workers
- Ministers, including clergypersons, priests, rabbis, Christian Science practitioners, or other persons serving in a similar capacity for any religious organization
- Juvenile officers, probation or parole officers, peace officers, law enforcement officials, or jail or detention center personnel
- Other persons with responsibility for the care of children

- Commercial film and photographic print processors; computer providers, installers, or repair persons; or Internet service providers

### **Reporting by Other Persons**

RSMo. § 210.115

Any other person who has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect may report.

### **Institutional Responsibility to Report**

RSMo. § 210.115

If two or more members of a medical institution who are required to report jointly have knowledge of a known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect, a single report may be made by a designated member of that medical team. Any member who has knowledge that the member designated to report has failed to do so shall thereafter immediately make the report. Nothing in this section, however, is meant to preclude any person from reporting abuse or neglect.

The reporting requirements under this section are individual, and no supervisor or administrator may impede or inhibit any reporting under this section. No person making a report shall be subject to any sanction, including any adverse employment action, for making such report. Every employer shall ensure that any employee required to report has immediate and unrestricted access to the communications technology necessary to make an immediate report and is temporarily relieved of other work duties for such time as is required to make any report required by this section.

### **Standards for Making a Report**

RSMo. §§ 210.115; 568.110

A report is required when:

- A reporter has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect.
- A reporter observes a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances that would reasonably result in abuse or neglect.
- A commercial film and photographic print processor has knowledge of or observes any film, photograph, videotape, negative, slide, or computer-generated image or picture depicting a child engaged in an act of sexual conduct.

### **Privileged Communications**

RSMo. § 210.140

Only the attorney-client or clergy-penitent privilege may be grounds for failure to report.

**Inclusion of Reporter's Name in Report**

RSMo. § 210.130

The report must include the name, address, occupation, and contact information for the person making the report.

**Disclosure of Reporter Identity**

RSMo. § 210.150

The names or other identifying information of reporters shall not be furnished to any child, parent, guardian, or alleged perpetrator named in the report.