

Who is a Mandated Reporter?

Mandated Reporters are defined under the Pennsylvania Child Protective Services Law (CPSL), Section 6311. Persons required to report suspected child abuse:

- A. Mandated Reporters – The following adults shall make a report of suspected child abuse, subject to subsection (B), if the person has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is a victim of child abuse:
1. A person licensed or certified to practice in any health-related field under the jurisdiction of the Department of State,
 2. A medical examiner, coroner or funeral director,
 3. An employee of a health care facility or provider licensed by the Department of Health, who is engaged in the admission, examination, care or treatment of individuals,
 4. A school employee,
 5. An employee of a child care service, who has direct contact with the children in the course of employment,
 6. A clergyman, priest, rabbi, minister, Christian science practitioner, religious healer or spiritual leader of any regularly established church or other religious organization,
 7. An individual paid or unpaid, who, on the basis of the individual's role as an integral part of a regularly scheduled program, activity or service, is a person responsible for the child's welfare or has direct contact with children,
 8. An employee of a social services agency, who has direct contact with children in the course of employment,
 9. A peace officer or law enforcement official,
 10. An emergency medical services provider certified by the Department of Health,
 11. An employee of a public library, who has direct contact with children in the course of employment,
 12. An individual supervised or managed by a person listed under paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (13) who has direct contact with children in the course of employment,
 13. An independent contractor,
 14. An attorney affiliated with an agency, institution, organization or other entity, including a school or regularly established religious organization that is responsible for the care, supervision, guidance, or control of children,
 15. A foster parent,
 16. An adult family member who is a person responsible for the child's welfare and provides services to a child in a family living home, community home for individuals with an intellectual disability or host home for children which are subject to supervision or licensure by the department under Articles IX and X of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code.