



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

MANDATED REPORTER

REQUIREMENTS IN ARKANSAS

CONTACT

Child Abuse Hotline
1-800-482-5964

Child Abuse Hotline (Facsimile)
1-501-618-8952

INFO NEEDED

- Kind or type of abuse or neglect w
- Enough information to identify an
- You may remain anonymous

TYPES OF ABUSE

- Abandonment
- Neglect
- Physical Abuse
- Emotional Abuse
- Substance Abuse
- Sexual Abuse/Exploitation

WHO MUST REPORT?

Everyone who suspects child abuse or neglect should call the Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline to make a report, but Mandated Reporters are required by law to do so.

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| DAY CARE STAFF | DHS EMPLOYEES |
| LAW ENFORCEMENT | SCHOOL TEACHERS |
| LICENSED NURSES | COUNSELORS |
| PHYSICIANS | CLERGY MEMBERS |
| FOSTER PARENTS | AND MANY MORE |

WHEN IS A REPORT MADE?

A mandated reporter must immediately notify the Child Abuse Hotline if he or she:

- **Has reasonable cause to suspect a child has been abused or**
- **Observes a child being subjected to conditions or circumst**

HOW DO I REPORT?



By calling the Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline maintained by the Arkansas State Police and DHS



Facsimile transmission may be used in non-emergency situations



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IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

NEGLECT

- Failure or refusal to prevent the a
- Failure or refusal to provide neces
- Failure to appropriately supervise
- Causing a child to be born with an
- Abandonment

SEXUAL ABUSE

- Actual or attempted sexual interco
- Indecent exposure
- Forcing the watching of pornograp
- Sexual contact
- Sexual exploitation

ABUSE

- Extreme or repeated cruelty to a child
- Threat of harm
- Injury to a child's intellectual, emotional, or psychological de
- Any of the following intentional or knowing acts:
 - *Throwing, kicking, burning, biting, or cutting a child*
 - *Striking a child with a closed fist*
 - *Shaking a child*
 - *Striking a child on the face or head*
 - *Interfering with a child's breathing*
 - *Tying a child to a fixed or heavy object or binding or tying a child's limbs together*
 - *Giving a child or permitting a child to consume or inhale marijuana, alcohol, a narcotic, or purposely overdosing a child or giving an inappropriate over-the-counter drug*
 - *Exposing a child to a chemical used or generated during the manufacture of methamphetamine*
 - *Subjecting a child to Munchausen syndrome by proxy or a fake illness by proxy*
- Recruiting, harboring, transporting, or obtaining a child for la