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 witnessed
- Enough information to identify and locate the child and his or her family
- 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.

- DAY CARE STAFF
- LAW ENFORCEMENT
- LICENSED NURSES
- PHYSICIANS
- FOSTER PARENTS
- DHS EMPLOYEES
- SCHOOL TEACHERS
- COUNSELORS
- CLERGY MEMBERS
- 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 circumstances

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
NEGLECT

- Failure or refusal to prevent the abuse of the child
- Failure or refusal to provide necessary food, clothing, shelter, and education
- Failure to appropriately supervise the child
- Causing a child to be born with an illegal substance present in the child’s body
- Abandonment

SEXUAL ABUSE

- Actual or attempted sexual intercourse or deviate sexual activity
- Indecent exposure
- Forcing the watching of pornography or live sexual activity
- Sexual contact
- Sexual exploitation

ABUSE

- Extreme or repeated cruelty to a child
- Threat of harm
- Injury to a child’s intellectual, emotional, or psychological development

- 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 labor

To see the full text of the Arkansas Child Maltreatment Code definitions, see AR Code § 12-18-103 (2017)