



FLORIDA ABUSE HOTLINE
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The Florida Abuse Hotline Child Reporting Guide

Department Mission: Protect the Vulnerable, Promote Strong and Economically Self-Sufficient Families, and Advance Personal and Family Recovery and Resiliency.

Mandatory Reporting

Florida law requires that any person who has knowledge or suspects abuse, neglect, or abandonment of a child and knowledge of or suspects abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable adult is required to report to the Florida Abuse Hotline.

How to make a Report

The Florida Abuse Hotline accepts reports 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

To make a report you may report by:

Web:

www.FloridaAbuseHotline.com

Telephone:

1-800-962-2873

Florida Relay Services: 711

Fax:

1-800-914-0004

If you suspect or know of a child or vulnerable adult in immediate danger, call 911.

Florida Abuse Hotline
1515 Westwood Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32309
www.MYFLFamilies.com

Jurisdiction is defined in Chapter 39 of the Florida Statutes

Is the alleged victim a child?

- Born
- Under the age 18
- Not Emancipated
- Not Married

Is the alleged perpetrator a caregiver or non caregiver?

- Parent
- Legal Custodian
- Permanent Guardian
- Adult Household Member
- Other Person Responsible for the child's welfare

Residency/Location:

The alleged child victim must be:

- A resident of Florida with a valid means to locate in Florida at the time of the call (may be temporarily outside Florida).
- Not a resident of Florida, however, the incident of harm occurred in Florida and the victim and alleged perpetrator are *currently in Florida*.
- Not a resident of Florida and the incident of harm occurred outside of Florida, however, there is cause to believe harm will reoccur or continue while the victim and alleged perpetrator are *currently in Florida*.

Reasonable Cause to Suspect Harm- Maltreatments:

Possible Abuse Indicators:

- Burns
- Bone Fractures
- Asphyxiation
- Physical Injuries
- Internal Injuries
- Bizarre Punishment
- Mental Injuries
- Sexual Abuse
- Human Trafficking
- Death

Possible Neglect Indicators:

- Abandonment
- Inadequate Supervision
- Substance Misuse
- Environmental Hazards
- Malnutrition/Dehydration
- Failure to Thrive
- Medical Neglect
- Failure to Protect
- Family Violence

Special Conditions Reports:

- Foster Care Referral
- Child on Child Sexual Abuse
- Caregiver Unavailable
- Parent in Need of Assistance