

**§4012. Reporting procedures**

**1. Immediate report.** Reports regarding abuse or neglect must be made immediately by telephone to the department unless otherwise specified in this subsection and must be followed by a written report within 48 hours if requested by the department.

Medical professionals, hospitals and hospital staff, school personnel and law enforcement personnel may submit reports electronically. The department shall provide a portal through which these electronic reports may be submitted that is linked to the department's comprehensive child welfare information system.

[PL 2021, c. 116, §1 (AMD).]

**2. Information required.** The reports shall include the following information if within the knowledge of the person reporting:

A. The name and address of the child and the persons responsible for the child's care or custody; [RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. B, §183 (COR).]

B. The child's age and sex; [PL 1979, c. 733, §18 (NEW).]

C. The nature and extent of abuse or neglect, including a description of injuries and any explanation given for them; [PL 1979, c. 733, §18 (NEW).]

D. A description of sexual abuse or exploitation; [PL 1979, c. 733, §18 (NEW).]

E. Family composition and evidence of prior abuse or neglect of the child or the child's siblings; [RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. B, §184 (COR).]

F. The source of the report, the person making the report, the person's occupation and where the person can be contacted; [RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. B, §185 (COR).]

G. The actions taken by the reporting source, including a description of photographs or x rays taken; and [PL 1979, c. 733, §18 (NEW).]

H. Any other information that the person making the report believes may be helpful. [PL 1979, c. 733, §18 (NEW).]

[RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. B, §§183-185 (COR).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 1979, c. 733, §18 (NEW). PL 2011, c. 402, §2 (AMD). PL 2021, c. 116, §1 (AMD). RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. B, §§183-185 (COR).

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