

Arizona Mandatory Reporting

When in doubt, make a report.

In order to protect children, Arizona statute requires that school personnel are mandatory reporters.

Arizona Revised Statutes § 13-3620 outlines requirements for reporting child abuse

Arizona Revised Statutes § 15-514 outlines requirements for reporting immoral or unprofessional conduct to the Arizona State Board of Education

Who? All school personnel (i.e. teachers, administrators, nurses, counselors, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, custodians, coaches, etc.) must report when there is reasonable belief that a student is being harmed.

If there is:

- reasonable belief
- observable signs of abuse, injury, or neglect
- verbal or written disclosure from a child **OR**
- reliable information from a 3rd party

school personnel must report.

**Leave the investigating to the investigators.
You do not need to investigate in order to report.**

Where to report?

1. Local Law Enforcement
2. Department of Child Safety: 1-888-767-2445
3. Tribal Law Enforcement (if the child is Native American and resides on tribal land)
4. The Arizona State Board of Education Investigation Unit (if the individual involved is an educator): 602-542-2972

Report immediately. Don't wait. Don't put it off. As soon as it is practicable, report.

Reporting to the State Board of Education or a school/district/agency "point of contact" does **NOT** fulfill your statutory obligation to report.

"Any person who reasonably believes that a minor is or has been the victim of physical injury, abuse, child abuse, a reportable offense or neglect that appears to have been inflicted on the minor by other than accidental means or that is not explained by the available medical history as being accidental in nature"

What to Report:

- Non-accidental physical injury
- **Abuse**
 - Physical injuries
 - Serious emotional damage
 - Sexual abuse or acts
 - Exposure to the manufacture of dangerous drugs
- **Neglect - inability or unwillingness of guardian to provide proper supervision and care**
 - Lack of food
 - Lack of clothing
 - Lack of proper shelter
 - Lack of proper medical care
 - Exposing child to harm (sex acts, drugs, violence)

Please contact the Arizona State Board of Education's Investigation Unit for more information.

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