

Should *YOU* report resident abuse?

State law requires that all facility staff and related health care professionals* **MUST** report abuse and neglect if they believe a resident has been abused or neglected. Reporters are protected by law against retaliation. Failure to report abuse and neglect is a Class A Misdemeanor. All reports made to the hotline are handled confidentially and the reporter's name is kept confidential.

Elder & Disabled Adult Abuse Hotline Number:

1-800-392-0210

Abuse is the infliction of physical, sexual, or emotional injury or harm to a resident.

Neglect is the failure to provide services when such failure presents either an imminent danger to the health, safety, or welfare -OR- substantial probability that death or serious physical harm will result to a resident.

In addition to calling the above number, do you know your facility's abuse reporting procedure?

According to section 198.070.1 RSMo, others who must Report Abuse and Neglect are: any adult day care worker; chiropractor; Christian Science practitioner; coroner; dentist; embalmer; employee of the departments of social services, mental health, or health and senior services; employee of a local area agency on aging or an organized area agency on aging program; funeral director; home health agency or home health agency employee; hospital and clinic personnel engaged in examination, care, or treatment of persons; in-home services owner, provider, operator, or employee; law enforcement officer; long-term care facility administrator or employee; medical examiner; medical resident or intern; mental health professional; minister; nurse; nurse practitioner; optometrist; other health practitioner; peace officer; pharmacist; physical therapist; physician; physician's assistant; podiatrist; probation or parole officer; psychologist; social worker; or other person with the care of a person sixty years of age or older or an eligible adult has reasonable cause to believe that a resident of a facility has been abused or neglected, he or she shall immediately report or cause a report to be made to the department.



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