

WISCONSIN LAW

2001–02 Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 48.981, Abuse, including sexual abuse or neglected children (in part)

PERSONS REQUIRED TO REPORT

A physician, coroner, medical examiner, nurse, dentist, chiropractor, optometrist, acupuncturist, or other medical or mental health professional, social worker, marriage and family therapist, professional counselor, public assistance worker, including a financial and employment planner, as defined in s. 49.141 (1) (d), school teacher, administrator or counselor, mediator under s. 767.11, child care worker in a day care center or child caring institution, day care provider, alcohol or other drug abuse counselor, member of the treatment staff employed by or working under contract with a county department under s. 46.23, 51.42 or 51.437, physical therapist, occupational therapist, dietician, speech-language pathologist, audiologist, emergency medical technician or police or law enforcement officer having reasonable cause to suspect that a child seen in the course of professional duties has been abused or neglected or has been threatened with abuse or neglect and that abuse or neglect of the child will occur shall, except as provided under sub. (2m), report as provided in sub (3). Any other person, including an attorney, having reason to believe that a child has been abused or neglected or reason to believe that a child has been threatened with abuse or neglect and that abuse or neglect of the child will occur may make such a report. No person making a report under this subsection may be discharged from employment for so doing.

(2m) Exceptions

(3) **Reports:** investigation.

(a) *Referral of report.* A person required to report under sub (2) shall immediately inform, by telephone or personally, the county department or the sheriff or city, village or town police department of the facts and circumstances contributing to the suspicion of child abuse or neglect or to believe that abuse or neglect will occur.