



**FLORIDA ABUSE HOTLINE**  
MYFLFAMILIES.COM

**Mandatory Reporting**

Florida law requires that any person who has knowledge of 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](http://www.FloridaAbuseHotline.com)

**Telephone:**

1-800-962-2873

1-800-96ABUSE

(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  
1317 Winewood Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399  
[www.MyFLFamilies.com](http://www.MyFLFamilies.com)

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Child Reporting Guide**

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

**Jurisdiction is defined in Chapter 39 of the Florida Statutes:**

**Is the alleged victim a child?**

- 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