

**SUMMARY OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
Public Act 238 of 1975**

WHERE IS THE REPORT MADE?	Department of Human Services - Children Protection Services (CPS) Macomb County CPS Hotline: (877) 412-6109 (Central Intake)
WHAT MUST BE REPORTED?	Physical abuse, mental abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, sexual exploitation
WHO IS REQUIRED TO REPORT?	Physicians, nurses, coroners, medical examiners, dentists, licensed emergency care personnel, audiologists, psychologists, social workers, school administrators, teachers, counselors, law enforcement officers, and child care providers.
WHAT IS THE CRITERIA OF REPORTING?	You must report if you have reasonable cause to suspect a child has been abused, neglected, or sexually exploited
WHEN MUST THE REPORT BE MADE AND IN WHAT FORMAT?	A verbal report must be made immediately. A written report on DHS Form 32090 must be made within 72 hours.
TO WHOM ARE REPORTS MADE?	Children's Protective Services in the county which the alleged violation occurred.
IF THERE IS MORE THAN ONE PERSON WITH KNOWLEDGE. MUST ALL OF THEM MAKE A REPORT?	Someone who has knowledge must report or cause a report to be made in the case of a school, hospital or agency, one report is adequate
IS THERE A PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REPORT?	Yes. You may be held civilly liable. Failure to report is also a criminal misdemeanor
IS IT NECESSARY TO REPORT TO MORE THAN ONE AGENCY?	Yes. The law requires that the designated agency be contacted if an allegation suspected to have occurred falls under its specific jurisdiction. There are several references in each law indicating that reporting to one agency does not absolve the reporting person from the responsibility to report to other agencies as statutorily required.
ARE THERE OTHER AGENCIES TO WHICH A REPORT CAN BE MADE?	Yes. The Michigan Department of Foster Care Homes is responsible for investigating abuse and neglect. The Children and Adult Licensing Complaint Hotline is (866) 856-0126.

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