Reporting child abuse and neglect

State and territory departments responsible for protecting children

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In Australia, state and territory governments are responsible for receiving reports of suspected child abuse and neglect from members of the public. **Anyone who suspects, on reasonable grounds, that a child or young person is at risk of being abused and/or neglected should report it to the authority in their state or territory.**

Please click on the following link for more information.

<https://aifs.gov.au/cfca/publications/reporting-abuse-and-neglect>

Mandatory reporting of child abuse and neglect

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This information provided examines the legal provisions requiring specified people to report suspected abuse and neglect to government child protection services in Australia.1

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[1](https://aifs.gov.au/cfca/publications/mandatory-reporting-child-abuse-and-neglect%22%20%5Cl%20%22_ftnref1%22%20%5Co%20%22) There may also be legal requirements for various professionals to report other child-related conditions to various authorities (i.e., certain diseases, the occurrence of injuries in children attending schools or day care, and incidents of domestic violence related to adult victims). This sheet does not relate to those circumstances but is specific to the reporting of child abuse and neglect to child protection authorities.