

Rule/State	Standard of care	Statutory Reference	Exceptions/Privileged Communications, if any
<b>All persons must report, regardless of profession</b>			
Delaware	know or in good faith suspect	title 16, sec 903, 909	Clergy-Penitent
Florida	know or have reasonable cause to suspect	sec. 39.201(1), 39.204	
Idaho	have reason to believe, have observed conditions which would reasonably result	sec. 16-1619(a), (c), 16-1620	Clergy-Penitent
Indiana	have reason to believe	sec. 31-33-5-1, 31-33-5-2. 31-32-11-1	
Kentucky	know or have reasonable cause to believe	sec. 620.030(1), (2); 620.050(2)	Clergy-Penitent
Maryland	have reason to believe	sec. 5-704(a), 5-705(a)	Clergy-Penitent
Mississippi	have reasonable cause to suspect	sec. 43-21-353(l)	
Nebraska	have reasonable cause to believe; have observed conditions which would reasonably result	sec. 28-711(1), 28-714	
New Hampshire	have reason to suspect	sec. 169-C:29, 169-C:32	<i>Clergy-Penitent Denied</i>
New Jersey	have reasonable cause to believe	sec. 9:6-8.10	
New Mexico	know or have reasonable suspicion	sec. 32A-4-3(A), 32A-4-5(A)	
North Carolina	have cause to suspect	sec. 7B-301, 7B-310	<i>Clergy-Penitent Denied</i>
Oaklahoma	have reason to believe	title 10, sec. 7103(A)(1), sec. 7104, sec. 7113, title 21, sec. 1021.4	

Rhode Island	have reasonable cause to know or suspect	sec. 40-11-3(a), 40-11-6(a), 40-11-11	<i>Clergy-Penitent Denied</i>
Tennessee	knowledge of, reasonably know; have reasonable cause to suspect	sec. 37-1-403(a), 37-1-605(a) 37-1-411	
Texas	have cause to believe	sec. 261.101(a)-(c), 261.102	<i>Clergy-Penitent Denied</i>
Utah	have reason to believe; have observed conditions which would reasonably result	sec. 62A-4a-403(1)-(3), 62A-4a-412(5)	Clergy-Penitent
Wyoming	know or have reasonable cause to believe or suspect, have observed conditions which would reasonably result	sec. 14-3-205(a), 14-3-210	Clergy-Penitent
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Arizona	have reasonable grounds to believe	sec. 13-3620(A), 8-805(B)-(C)	Clergy-Penitent
California	have knowledge of or observe, know or reasonably suspect	sec. 11166(a), (c); 11165.7(a)	Clergy-Penitent
Connecticut	have reasonable cause to suspect or believe	sec. 17a-101(b), 17a-103(a)	
Montana	know or have reasonable cause to suspect	sec. 41-3-201(1)-(2), (4)	Clergy-Penitent
Nevada	know or have reasonable reason to believe	sec. 432B.220(3), (5); 432B.250	Clergy-Penitent
North Dakota	have knowledge of or reasonable cause to suspect	sec. 50-25.1-03, 50-25.1-10	Clergy-Penitent
Oregon	have reasonable cause to believe	sec. 419B.005(3), 419B.010(1)	Clergy-Penitent
Pennsylvania	have reasonable cause to suspect	sec. 23-6311(a), (b)	Clergy-Penitent

West Virginia	reasonable cause to suspect, when believe, have observed	sec. 49-6A-2, 49-6A-7	<i>Clergy-Penitent Denied</i>
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**Religious Healers Must Report**

Ohio	know or suspect	sec. 2151.421(A)(1), (A)(2), (G)(1)(b)	
South Carolina	have reason to believe	sec. 20-7-510(A), 20-7-550	Clergy-Penitent
South Dakota	have reasonable cause to suspect	sec. 26-8A-3, 26-8A-15	

**Anyone with responsibility for care of children**

Missouri	have reasonable cause to suspect, have observed conditions which would reasonably result	sec. 210.115(1), 568.110, 210.14	Clergy-Penitent
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**Anyone called upon to give aid or assistance to any child**

Alabama	known or suspected	sec. 26-14-3(a), 26-14-10	
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**No specific reference to Clergy**

Alaska  
Arkansas  
Colorado  
District of Columbia  
Georgia

Hawaii	employees or recreational or sports activities must report	
Illinois		
Iowa		
Kansas		
Louisiana		Clergy-Penitent
Maine		Clergy-Penitent
Massachusetts		
Michigan		
Minnesota		Clergy-Penitent
New York		
Vermont		
Virginia		
Washington (State of)		
Wisconsin		

Notes: Privileged Communication: Statutory recognition of right to maintain confidentiality of communication between clergy/parishoner and therefore obviates reporting requirement if the communication was in the context of a confession or in the capacity of a spiritual advisor.

This chart is a synopsis of the data

Mental health professionals must report in all states except: Idaho, Maryland, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah & Wyoming. So if clergy engage in professional counseling in those states,

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Statutes are constantly being revised and updated. The information in this chart is based on 2002 statutes. You should use this as a general guide but you should not rely on this summary as or for legal advice.

they may be required to report even if there is no requirement on clergy.