
OVERVIEW

Department of Human Services adoption staff and contracted adoption services providers are mandated to report suspected abuse and neglect of children and adults (MCL 722.623 and MCL 400.11a - 11f).

**DHS Employee
Obligation to
Report Suspected
Child Abuse and
Neglect**

The Child Protection Law (CPL), 1975 PA 238, requires the reporting of child abuse and neglect by certain persons, including certain DHS employees, and permits the reporting of child abuse and neglect by all persons. **All adoption workers and supervisors must report suspected child abuse and neglect.**

Reporting requirements and procedures, are found on the DHS Public website>Abuse & Neglect>Children's Protective Services>Mandated Reporters.

**Mandated
Reporting of
Suspected Adult
Abuse, Neglect
and Exploitation**

The Social Welfare Act, 1939 PA 280, requires DHS adoption staff to report abuse, neglect or exploitation of a vulnerable adult, a person 18 years of age and older who is unable to protect himself or herself from abuse, neglect or exploitation because of a mental or physical impairment or because of advanced age. **All adoption workers and supervisors must report suspected adult abuse, neglect or exploitation.**

Reporting requirements and procedures, are found on the DHS Public website>Abuse & Neglect>Children's Protective Services>Mandated Reporters.