

ACT Territory Based Reporting

Mandated Reporters

Certain people are mandated to report situations where they form a belief on reasonable grounds that a child or young person has experienced abuse or neglect.

The following are mandated reporters in ACT:



- Minister of Religion
- Doctor, dentist, nurse, enrolled nurse, midwife
- Teacher, teacher assistant
- Home education inspector
- Police officer
- School counsellors
- Childcare centre worker
- Care coordinator of home-based family day care
- Public servant who provides services to children and young people or families
- Public advocate
- Official visitor
- Person who has contact with or provides services to children and young people

For volunteers you are not considered a mandated reporter unless you fall into one of the categories above outside of your volunteer role. REMEMBER as a TSA volunteer you are obligated to report to police and the child protection authority by TSA policy.

Visit here for further information: <https://www.act.gov.au/community/child-protection-and-youth-justice/report-child-abuse-or-neglect>

Reporting to Police



In ACT all adult members of the public are obligated by law to report suspected child abuse related crimes to the Police. Failure to do so is a criminal offence under the Crimes Act 1900.

Reportable Conduct



TSA must notify the ACT Ombudsman about any allegations or convictions of child abuse or child-related misconduct made against a TSA volunteer. This means that if an allegation of child abuse is made against you, TSA will report it to the ACT Ombudsman who will then monitor TSAs response to the concerns and ensure we act in ways in keeping children safe.

Visit here for further information:
<https://www.ombudsman.act.gov.au/accountability-and-oversight/reportable-conduct>

Make a Report

- If a child or young person is in immediate danger phone Triple Zero immediately
- To report non-urgent criminal matters, contact 131 444
- Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000
- To report a child protection concern contact 1300 556 729 (available 24 hours)
Or complete an Online Child Concern Report

<https://forms.act.gov.au/smartforms/servlet/SmartForm.html?formCode=1136>

Failure to Report:

It is an offence for anyone over 18 years old who reasonably believes a sexual offence has been committed against a child not to make a report to police.

Visit here for further information:

https://www.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/1397662/Failure-to-Report-Offence-Royal-Commission-Criminal-Justice-Legislation-Amendment-Act-2019.pdf

NSW State Based Reporting

Mandated Reporters

A mandatory reporter is somebody who, due to their professional role is required by law to report a reasonable suspicion of child abuse to the Child Protection Authority of the State.

Mandatory reporters are people who deliver the following services, wholly or partly, to children as part of their professional work or other paid employment, and those in management positions in these services listed:

- Health care
- Welfare
- Education
- Children's services
- Residential services
- Law enforcement
- Disability services
- A person in religious ministry or a person providing religion-based activities to children
- Registered psychologists



For volunteers this mean, you are not considered a mandated reporter unless you fall into one one of these groups outside of your volunteer role. REMEMBER even though you may not be a mandated reporter, as a TSA volunteer you are obligated to report to police and the child protection authority by TSA policy.

Visit here for further information: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/families/Protecting-kids/mandatory-reporters/about>

Reporting to police



In NSW all adult members of the public are obligated by law to report suspected child abuse related crimes to the Police. Failure to do so is a criminal offence under the Crimes Act 1900.

Reportable Conduct



In NSW all volunteers who hold or should hold a Working with Children Check (WWCC) are subject to the reportable conduct scheme. This means that when TSA becomes aware of concerns regarding a volunteer's behaviour or conduct towards a child this must be reported by TSA to the Office of the Children's Guardian. TSA must do this regardless of whether the concerning behaviour occurred within the person's volunteer role or in their personal life. TSA must also report any knowledge it has that a volunteer has been convicted of an offence against a child. The Office of the Children's Guardian will then monitor TSAs response to the concerns and ensure we act in ways in keeping children safe.

Visit here for further information: <https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/organisations/reportable-conduct-scheme/how-scheme-works>

Failure to Report

All adults are required to report to Police where they believe or reasonably ought to know that a child has been abused.

Failure to Protect

Personnel who know of a risk of abuse by another adult engaged with TSA have the obligation to report and reduce or remove risk of sexual offences toward a child.

Visit here for further information:

https://www5.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nsw/consol_act/ca190082/s43b.html

Make a Report

- If a child or young person is in immediate danger phone Triple Zero
- To report a non-urgent matter to police, contact 131 444; or
- Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000
- To make a child protection report Report use the Mandatory Reporter Guide (MRG) to guide you on how to report <https://reporter.childstory.nsw.gov.au/s/mrg>; or
- Phone 132 111eReport through the Child Story Reporter website (requires registration) <https://reporter.childstory.nsw.gov.au/s/>

NT Territory Based Reporting

Mandated Reporters

A mandatory reporter is somebody who is required by law to report a reasonable suspicion of child abuse to the Child Protection Authority of the State.

In the Northern Territory, all person over the age of 18 years are mandatory reporters, regardless of their role or profession.

Reporting to Police

All persons over the age of 18 are required to report serious domestic and family violence to police.



All volunteers are considered mandated reporters in the Northern Territory. REMEMBER as a TSA volunteer you are also obligated to report to police and the child protection authority by TSA policy.

Visit here for further information: <https://nt.gov.au/law/crime/report-child-abuse>

Make a Report

- If a child or young person is in immediate danger phone Triple Zero immediately
- If it's not an emergency, call police on 131 444 or contact your local police station, or
- Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000
- To report a child protection concern, contact the child protection reporting line on 1800 700 250 (available 24 hours)



QLD State Based Reporting

Mandated Reporters

A mandatory reporter is somebody who, due to their professional role, is required by law to report a reasonable suspicion of child abuse to the Child Protection Authority of the State.

The following are mandatory reporters in Queensland:

- Teachers
- Doctors
- Registered nurses
- Police officers with child protection responsibilities
- A person performing a child advocate function under the Public Guardian Act 2014
- Early childhood education and care professionals, from 1 July 2017.
- Child Safety personnel or personnel of a licensed care service.



As a volunteer you are not considered a mandated reporter unless you fall into one of the categories above, outside of your volunteer role. REMEMBER even though you may not be a mandated reporter, as a TSA volunteer you are obligated to report to police and the child protection authority by TSA policy.

Visit here for further information: <https://www.dcssds.qld.gov.au/our-work/child-safety/about-child-protection/mandatory-reporting>

Reporting to Police:



In QLD all adult members of the public are obligated by law to report suspected child abuse related crimes to the Police. Failure to do so is a criminal offence under the Criminal Code 1899.

Make a Report

- If a child or young person is in immediate danger phone Triple Zero
- To report non-urgent criminal matters, contact 131 444, or
- Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000
- To make a child protection report during normal business hours – contact the Regional Intake Services
- After hours and on weekends – contact Child Safety After Hours Service Centre on 1800 177 135.

Brisbane and Moreton Bay 1300 682 254	South West (Darling Downs) Toowoomba 1300 683 390
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Far North Queensland 1300 684 062	South West (West Moreton) Ipswich 1300 316 855
North Queensland 1300 706147	Sunshine Coast and Central Queensland 1300 703 762
South East 1300 679 849	

Failure to Report

It is an offence for any adult not to report or protect a child from a sexual offence.

Visit here for further information: <https://www.qld.gov.au/law/crime-and-police/types-of-crime/sexual-offences-against-children/failure-to-report>

Failure to Protect

It is an offence to fail to protect a child from a sexual offence in an institutional setting.

Visit here for further information: <https://www.qld.gov.au/law/crime-and-police/types-of-crime/sexual-offences-against-children/failure-to-report>

SA State Based Reporting

Mandated Reporters

A mandatory reporter is somebody who due, to their professional role is required by law to report a reasonable suspicion of child abuse to the Child Protection Authority of the State.

The following are mandatory reporters in South Australia:

- medical practitioners
- pharmacist
- registered or enrolled nurse
- dentist
- psychologist
- police officer
- community corrections officer
- social worker
- minister of religion
- personnel/volunteer of religious/spiritual organisations
- teacher
- personnel/volunteer in health, welfare, education, sporting or recreational, child care or residential services
- officer/personnel in management position in the provision of services to children



As a volunteer of TSA you are considered a mandated reporter. REMEMBER as a TSA volunteer you are also obligated to report to police and the child protection authority by TSA policy.

Visit here for further information:

<https://www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/reporting-child-abuse/mandated-notifiers-and-their-role>

Make a Report

- If a child or young person is in immediate danger phone Triple Zero
- To report non-urgent criminal matters, contact 131 444, or
- Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000
- To report a child protection concern contact Child Abuse Report Line 13 14 78
- Or contact the Online reporting system (Only for mandated notifiers to report less serious concerns)
<https://auth.families.sa.gov.au/nidp/idff/sso?id=FamCit&sid=0&option=credential&sid=0>



TAS State Based Reporting

Mandated Reporters

A mandatory reporter is somebody who, due to their professional role is required by law to report a reasonable suspicion of child abuse to the Child Protection Authority of the State.

They include:

medical practitioners, nurses, dentists, police officers, psychologists, probation officers, child welfare officers, school principals, ministers of religion, teachers, kindergarten teachers, people who manage child care services and people employed by or volunteering in government agencies or organisations funded by the Crown that provide health, welfare, education or care for children.



If you volunteer in a child related activity you are a mandated reporter in Tasmania. REMEMBER as a TSA volunteer you are also obligated to report to police and the child protection authority by TSA policy.

Visit here for further information: <https://strongfamiliesafekids.tas.gov.au/>

Reporting to Police:



In Tasmania all adult members of the public are obligated by law to report suspected child abuse related crimes to the Police. Failure to do so is a criminal offence under the Criminal Code Act 1924.

Reportable Conduct



The Salvation Army must report to the independent regulator concerns about conduct related to child abuse involving personnel.

Visit here for further information: <https://www.justice.tas.gov.au/carcru/child-and-youth-safe-organisations-framework/reportable-conduct-scheme>

Make a Report

- If a child or young person is in immediate danger phone Triple Zero
- For report non-urgent criminal matters contact 131 444, or
- Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000

- To make a child protection report contact the Advice and Referral Line on **1800 000 123**, or use the online contact form <https://childwellbeingcontactform.decyp.tas.gov.au/ContactForm/YourDetails.aspx?CFCSK=23d74b98-f819-48d2-ac8d-8a45cc7b7b3a>
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Failure to Report

Failure to Report: it is an offence for any person who has a reasonable belief that a child sexual offence has occurred not to report it to Police.

Visit here for further information:

<https://www.legislation.tas.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-1924-069#JS1@GS105A@EN>

VICTORIA State Based Reporting

Mandated Reporters

A mandatory reporter is somebody who, due to their professional role is required by law to report a reasonable suspicion of child abuse to the Child Protection Authority of the State.

The following groups of people are considered mandatory reporters in Victoria:

- Registered medical practitioners
- Nurses
- Midwives
- Registered teachers and early childhood teachers
- School principals
- School counsellors
- Police officers
- Out of home care workers (excluding voluntary foster and kinship carers)
- Early childhood workers
- Youth justice workers
- Registered psychologists
- People in religious ministry



For volunteers this means you are not a mandatory reporter unless you fall into one of these groups outside of your volunteer role. REMEMBER even though you may not be a mandated reporter, as a TSA volunteer you are obligated to report to police and the child protection authority by TSA policy.

Visit here for further information: <https://providers.dffh.vic.gov.au/mandatory-reporting>

Reporting to police



In VIC all adult members of the public are obligated by law to report suspected child abuse related crimes to the Police. Failure to do so is a criminal offence under the Crimes Act 1958.

Reportable Conduct



TSA must notify the Commission for Children and Young People about any allegation of child abuse or child-related misconduct made against any volunteer. This means that if an allegation of child abuse is made against you, TSA will report it to the Commission who will then monitor TSA's response to the concerns and ensure we act in ways in keeping children safe.

Visit here for further information: <https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/reportable-conduct-scheme/about-the-reportable-conduct-scheme/>

Make a Report

- If a child or young person is in immediate danger phone Triple Zero immediately
- To report non-urgent criminal matters, contact 131 444, or
- Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000
- To make a child protection report contact the relevant intake service below during business hours (8.45am-5.00pm) Monday to Friday.
- To report concerns outside of business hours, contact After Hours Child Protection Emergency Service on 131 278.

➤ North Division intake: 1300 664 977	➤ West Division intake - metropolitan: 1300 664 977
➤ South Division intake: 1300 655 795	➤ West Division intake - rural and regional: 1800 075 599
➤ East Division intake: 1300 360 391	➤ (for details of LGA: https://services.dffh.vic.gov.au/child-protection-contacts)

Failure to Report: Any adult with a reasonable belief that a sexual offence against a child under 16 has occurred must report to Police.

Visit here for further information: <https://www.justice.vic.gov.au/safer-communities/protecting-children-and-families/failure-to-disclose-offence>

Failure to Protect: Personnel within a relevant organisation who know of a risk of abuse by another adult associated with TSA have the obligation to report and reduce or remove risk of sexual offences toward a child under 16.

Visit here for further information: <https://www.justice.vic.gov.au/safer-communities/protecting-children-and-families/failure-to-protect-a-new-criminal-offence-to>

WA State Based Reporting

Mandated Reporters

A mandatory reporter is somebody who is due to their professional role is required by law to report a reasonable suspicion of child abuse to the Child Protection Authority of the State.

The following are mandatory reporters in Western Australia:

Minister of religion, doctor, nurse, midwife, teacher, police officer and boarding supervisor.



For volunteers you are not considered a mandated reporter unless you fall into one of the above categories outside of your volunteer role. REMEMBER as a TSA volunteer you are obligated to report to police and the child protection authority by TSA policy.

Visit here for further information:

<https://mandatoryreporting.dcp.wa.gov.au/Pages/MakeaReport.aspx>

Reportable Conduct



The Salvation Army must notify the Western Australian Ombudsman of allegations of, or convictions for, child abuse by personnel.

Visit here for further information:

https://www.ombudsman.wa.gov.au/Reportable_Conduct/Reportable_Conduct.htm

Make a Report

- If a child or young person is in immediate danger phone Triple Zero immediately
- For non-urgent criminal matters contact 131 444
- Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000
- For child protection reporting use the Mandatory Reporting Web System
<https://mandatoryreportingweb.communities.wa.gov.au/>; or
- If you are in the metropolitan area contact the Central Intake Team on 1800 273 889 or email CPDUTY@cpfs.wa.gov.au
For country areas contact your local District Office
https://mandatoryreporting.dcp.wa.gov.au/Pages/DCP_District_Offices.aspx