



NATIONAL LINK COALITION

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against people and animals*

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Cross Reporting by Type (as of 5/7/2024)

Reporting Child Abuse/Neglect

**Animal Care/Control
MANDATED to report
child abuse/neglect**

California, Colorado, **Connecticut****, **D.C.****, **Florida****, **Illinois****,
Maine, (if law or code enforcement or humane agent) Massachusetts,
Ohio**, Oregon, Virginia, **West Virginia****

**Veterinarians MANDATED
to report child abuse:**

California, Colorado

**States in which
EVERYONE is a mandated
reporter of child abuse:**

Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi,
Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina,
Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Wyoming

* Connecticut and Ohio animal control officers report suspected animal abuse to the Department of Children and Families, which then cross-references these reports with their own case files.

Reporting Animal Abuse

**CPS/DHS/Social Workers
MANDATED
to report animal abuse**

Connecticut**, **Delaware**, **D.C.****, **Florida****, **Illinois****, Louisiana,
Nebraska, Ohio, Tennessee, **West Virginia****

**CPS/DHS/Social Workers
PERMITTED
to report animal abuse**

California, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Oregon
Guam

** = States with full two-way cross-reporting between child protection/animal control-humane. No data exist on utilization or enforcement.

**Adult Protective Services
MANDATED
to report animal abuse**

Louisiana, Nebraska, Ohio, Tennessee, West Virginia
Guam

**Adult Protective Services
PERMITTED
to report animal abuse**

California, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Oregon

Veterinarians Mandated to Report Animal Cruelty:

Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut (animal fighting), Hawai'i, Illinois, Kansas, Maine (only aggravated cruelty), Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, North Dakota, Ohio (companion animals), Oklahoma, Oregon, West Virginia, Wisconsin. Also Guam (animal fighting).

Veterinarians Permitted to Report Animal Cruelty:

Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine (cruelty and neglect), Michigan, Mississippi, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia (also veterinary technicians), Washington.

Nothing Specified Regarding Veterinary Reporting:

Delaware, Iowa, Montana, New Jersey, South Carolina, South Dakota, Wyoming

Reporting Elder Abuse/Neglect

Animal Care & Control
MANDATED to report elder abuse: Arkansas, California (if employed by law enforcement agency), D.C., Maine (humane agents), Massachusetts, Ohio*, West Virginia

* Ohio animal control officers report suspected animal abuse to the Department of Job & Family Services, which then cross-references these reports with their own case files.

Animal Care & Control
PERMITTED to report elder abuse: Maine (animal control officers)

Veterinarians mandated to report elder abuse: Colorado, Illinois

States in which
EVERYONE is mandated
to report elder abuse: Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Wyoming, Puerto Rico

Reporting Domestic Violence

Medical and healthcare professionals mandated to report domestic violence or sexual assault California, Colorado, Kentucky, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee

Medical and healthcare professionals mandated to report injuries resulting from a crime or offense of violence Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, New Hampshire*, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania*, West Virginia, Wisconsin

* Medical personnel not required to report if victim does not give consent

Medical and healthcare professionals mandated to report injuries resulting from a gun or knife Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington