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NORTH DAKOTA CENTURY CODE

TITLE 50. PUBLIC WELFARE

CHAPTER 50-25.1. CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

50-25.1-03 Persons required and permitted to report -- To whom reported.

1. Any physician, nurse, dentist, optometrist, medical examiner or coroner, or any other medical or mental health professional, religious practitioner of the healing arts, schoolteacher or administrator, school counselor, addiction counselor, social worker, day care center or any other child care worker, police or law enforcement officer, or member of the clergy having knowledge of or reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused or neglected, or has died as a result of abuse or neglect, shall report the circumstances to the department if the knowledge or suspicion is derived from information received by that person in that person's official or professional capacity. A member of the clergy, however, is not required to report such circumstances if the knowledge or suspicion is derived from information received in the capacity of spiritual adviser.

2. Any person having reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused or neglected, or has died as a result of abuse or neglect, may report such circumstances to the department.

**Source:** S.L. 1975, ch. 448, § 3; 1979, ch. 514, § 6; 1987, ch. 570, § 34; 1987, ch. 583, § 2; 1989, ch. 585, § 2; 1991, ch. 511, § 4; 1995, ch. 116, § 7.

NOTES, REFERENCES, AND ANNOTATIONS

**Collateral References.**

[Validity, construction, and application of state statute requiring doctor or other person to report child abuse, 73 A.L.R.4th 782.](#)

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