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Title 26. Domestic Relations ([Refs & Annos](#))

[Chapter 26.44.](#) Abuse of Children ([Refs & Annos](#))

→ **26.44.040. Reports--Oral, written--Contents**

An immediate oral report must be made by telephone or otherwise to the proper law enforcement agency or the department of social and health services and, upon request, must be followed by a report in writing. Such reports must contain the following information, if known:

- (1) The name, address, and age of the child;
- (2) The name and address of the child's parents, stepparents, guardians, or other persons having custody of the child;
- (3) The nature and extent of the alleged injury or injuries;
- (4) The nature and extent of the alleged neglect;
- (5) The nature and extent of the alleged sexual abuse;
- (6) Any evidence of previous injuries, including their nature and extent; and
- (7) Any other information that may be helpful in establishing the cause of the child's death, injury, or injuries and the identity of the alleged perpetrator or perpetrators.

CREDIT(S)

[[1999 c 176 § 32](#); [1997 c 386 § 27](#); [1993 c 412 § 14](#); 1987 c 206 § 4; 1984 c 97 § 4; 1977 ex.s. c 80 § 27; 1975 1st ex.s. c 217 § 4; 1971 ex.s. c 167 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 35 § 4; 1965 c 13 § 4.]

<<CHAPTER 26.44. ABUSE OF CHILDREN>>

<(Formerly: Abuse of Children and Adult Dependent Persons)>

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

**Findings--Purpose--Severability--Conflict with federal requirements--1999 c 176:** See notes following [RCW 74.34.005](#).

**Application--Effective date--1997 c 386:** See notes following [RCW 74.14D.010](#).

**Severability--1984 c 97:** See [RCW 74.34.900](#).

**Purpose--Intent--Severability--1977 ex.s. c 80:** See notes following [RCW 4.16.190](#).

Laws 1969, Ex.Sess., ch. 35, § 4, in the first sentence of the first paragraph, following "law enforcement agency" inserted "or the department of public assistance"; and, in subsec. (7), substituted "which may be helpful" for "which, in the opinion of the practitioner, may be helpful" and, preceding "injury or injuries" inserted "death,".

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Laws 1971, Ex.Sess., ch. 167, § 2, in the first sentence of the first paragraph, substituted "shall be made" for "may be made"; substituted "the department of social and health services" for "the department of public assistance"; and "shall be followed" for "may be followed"; and made nonsubstantive punctuation changes.

Laws 1975, 1st Ex.Sess., ch. 217, § 4, in the first paragraph, near the end of the first sentence, inserted ", upon request,"; in subsec. (4), substituted "neglect of the child" for "child's physical neglect".

Laws 1977, Ex.Sess., ch. 80, § 27, in subsec. (1), following "age of the child" inserted "or adult developmentally disabled person"; at the end of subsec. (2), added "or the residence of the adult developmentally disabled person"; in subsec. (3), preceding "injury" deleted "child's"; at the end of subsec. (4), deleted "of the child"; and, in subsec. (7), following "child's" inserted "or adult developmentally disabled person's".

Laws 1984, ch. 97, § 4, in subsecs. (1) and (2), substituted "dependent person" for "developmentally disabled person"; and, in subsec. (7), substituted "dependent person's" for "developmentally disabled person's".

Laws 1987, ch. 206, § 4, throughout the section, inserted references to "developmentally disabled persons".

Laws 1993, ch. 412, § 14, near the end of subsec. (7), preceding "perpetrator" inserted "alleged".

Laws 1997, ch. 386, § 27, in subsecs. (3), (4), and (5), inserted "alleged".


Laws 1999, ch. 176, § 32, in the introductory paragraph, in three places, substituted "must" for "shall"; in subsecs. (2), (3), and (7), deleted references to adult dependent or developmentally disabled persons; and in subsec. (7), substituted "that" for "which".

#### CROSS REFERENCES

**Child abuse** or neglect, **report** by court, see [§ 26.12.170](#).

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