

**39-1431. Abuse, neglect or exploitation of certain adults; reporting abuse, neglect or exploitation or need of protective services; persons required to report; penalty for failure to report; posting notice of requirements of act.**

(a) Any person who is licensed to practice any branch of the healing arts, a licensed psychologist, a licensed master level psychologist, a licensed clinical psychotherapist, the chief administrative officer of a medical care facility, a teacher, a licensed social worker, a licensed professional nurse, a licensed practical nurse, a licensed dentist, a licensed marriage and family therapist, a licensed clinical marriage and family therapist, licensed professional counselor, licensed clinical professional counselor, registered alcohol and drug abuse counselor, a law enforcement officer, a case manager, a rehabilitation counselor, a bank trust officer or any other officers of financial institutions, a legal representative, a governmental assistance provider, an owner or operator of a residential care facility, an independent living counselor and the chief administrative officer of a licensed home health agency, the chief administrative officer of an adult family home and the chief administrative officer of a provider of community services and affiliates thereof operated or funded by the Kansas department for aging and disability services or licensed under K.S.A. 75-3307b, and amendments thereto, who has reasonable cause to believe that an adult is being or has been abused, neglected or exploited or is in need of protective services shall report, immediately from receipt of the information, such information or cause a report of such information to be made in any reasonable manner. An employee of a domestic violence center shall not be required to report information or cause a report of information to be made under this subsection. Other state agencies receiving reports that are to be referred to the Kansas department for children and families and the appropriate law enforcement agency, shall submit the report to the department and agency within six hours, during normal work days, of receiving the information. Reports shall be made to the Kansas department for children and families during the normal working week days and hours of operation. Reports shall be made to law enforcement agencies during the time the Kansas department for children and families is not in operation. Law enforcement shall submit the report and appropriate information to the Kansas department for children and families on the first working day that the Kansas department for children and families is in operation after receipt of such information.

(b) The report made pursuant to subsection (a) shall contain the name and address of the person making the report and of the caretaker caring for the involved adult, the name and address of the involved adult, information regarding the nature and extent of the abuse, neglect or exploitation, the name of the next of kin of the involved adult, if known, and any other information which the person making the report believes might be helpful in the investigation of the case and the protection of the involved adult.

(c) Any other person, not listed in subsection (a), having reasonable cause to suspect or believe that an adult is being or has been abused, neglected or exploited or is in need of protective services may report such information to the Kansas department for children and families. Reports shall be made to law enforcement agencies during the time the Kansas department for children and families is not in operation.

(d) A person making a report under subsection (a) shall not be required to make a report under K.S.A. 39-1401 to 39-1410, inclusive, and amendments thereto.

(e) Any person required to report information or cause a report of information to be made under subsection (a) who knowingly fails to make such report or cause such report not to be made shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

(f) Notice of the requirements of this act and the department to which a report is to be made under this act shall be posted in a conspicuous public place in every adult family home as defined in K.S.A. 39-1501, and amendments thereto, and every provider of community services and affiliates thereof operated or funded by the Kansas department for aging and disability services or other facility licensed under K.S.A. 75-3307b, and amendments thereto, and other institutions included in subsection (a).

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