

Application of Child Abuse Reporting Laws to Ministers and Lay Church Workers

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Statute	What is reportable “abuse”	Mandatory reporters	Where to report	Clergy privilege
Stats. §§ 28-710 et seq. (2005)	Physical, sexual, or mental abuse	Any person having reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect	Department of Health and Human Services or a law enforcement agency	“The privileged communication between patient and physician, between client and professional counselor, and between husband and wife shall not be a ground for excluding evidence in any judicial proceeding resulting from a [child abuse report].” [28- 714]