

**Washington Psychological Services**

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Due to a change in law (Act 31) psychologists are now legally mandated to report suspected child abuse in a wider range of situations than was the case up until now. This paper is to inform you of the new requirements that went into effect in December, 2014.

If I have reason to suspect, on the basis of my professional judgment, that **a child is or has been abused**, I am required to report my suspicions to the authority or government agency vested to conduct child abuse investigations.

I am required to make such reports even if I do not see the child in my professional capacity. I am mandated to report suspected child abuse if anyone aged 14 or older tells me that he or she committed child abuse, even if the victim is no longer in danger.

I am also mandated to report suspected child abuse if anyone tells me that he or she knows of any child who is currently being abused.

I have read this page and understand the new requirements.

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Name

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Date

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Signature