

# PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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### Vulnerable Persons Mandated Reporting

#### State policy

##### *Adult maltreatment*

The Minnesota Legislature has declared that the public policy of this state is to protect adults who, because of physical or mental disability or dependency on institutional services, are particularly vulnerable to maltreatment; to assist in providing safe environments for vulnerable adults; and to provide safe institutional or residential services, community-based services, or living environments for those who have been maltreated. For more details see [Minnesota Statutes, Section 626.557](#)

##### *Child maltreatment*

It is also the policy of the state of Minnesota to protect children whose health or welfare may be jeopardized through physical abuse, neglect or sexual abuse. While it is recognized that most parents want to keep their children safe, sometimes circumstances or conditions interfere with their ability to do so. When this occurs, families are best served by interventions that engage their protective capacities and address immediate safety concerns and ongoing risks of child maltreatment. See [Minnesota Statute, Section 626.556](#), Reporting of Maltreatment of Minors Act for more details.

#### Who is a mandated reporter?

Mandated reporters are professionals identified by law who **must** make a report if they have reason to believe that abuse, neglect or financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult or child has occurred.

The statutory definition of a mandated reporter is contained in [Minnesota Statutes, Section 626.5572, subd 16](#).

#### Provider responsibility

Providers have a duty to report any suspected maltreatment of a vulnerable adult or child and to provide protective and counseling services in appropriate cases.

#### Resources

1. Providers may take the free web-based training available online for all mandated reporters for adults:  
<http://registrations.dhs.state.mn.us/WebManRpt/>
2. Providers may review the Department of Human Services website for more detailed information and free web-based training on minor maltreatment:  
[http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/id\\_000152](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/id_000152).

#### Questions?

If you have questions, please contact provider services at (651) 662-5200 or 1-800-262-0820.