

REPORTING CHILD ABUSE

If you believe that a minor (someone under 18) is or has been the victim of abuse, child abuse, physical injury, neglect, or a reportable offense, or that an infant has been denied or deprived of medical or surgical care or nourishment with the intent to cause or allow death, you must refer the case to the medical examiner's office for an autopsy.

You have a further legal duty pursuant to [A.R.S. §13-3620](#) to immediately report or cause reports of this information to be made by telephone or in person to a peace officer or to Child Protective Services in the Department of Economic Security, and a written report must follow within 72 hours. If the report concerns a person who does not have care, custody, or control of the minor, the report is made to a peace officer only.