

MANDATED REPORTING

Reporting Child Abuse

Therapists are mandated to report reasonable suspicion of child abuse and neglect within 36 hours of learning of suspected abuse.

1 Determine reasonable suspicion of abuse or neglect

Abuse:

- Nonaccidental physical injury
- sexual abuse (including sexual assault and sexual exploitation)
- willful harm or injury to a child or endangering the person or health of a child
- unlawful corporal punishment

Neglect:

- severe
- general

Defined by CANRA

2 Make initial call to CPS or law enforcement

CPS Orange County: (714) 940-1000 / (800) 207-4464 (24/7)

CPS LA County: (800) 540-4000

Orange County Sheriff: (714) 647-7000 / (949) 770-6011

3 Make mandatory written report

Fax written report: (714) 938-0289

Submit online: SSA - Mandated Reporter Application

<https://ocssa.ocgov.com/MRA/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=/mra/default.aspx>

Reports made to CPS or law enforcement must be accepted by that agency. Reports for children out of state must still be reported in CA.