

WISCONSIN CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT LAWS:

*State laws and policies pertain to children 17 years of age or less

NEGLECT: Failure, refusal or inability on the part of a parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person exercising temporary or permanent control over a child, for reasons other than poverty, to provide necessary care, food, clothing, medical or dental care or shelter so as to seriously endanger the physical health of the child.

PHYSICAL ABUSE: Physical injury inflicted on a child by other accidental means. Physical injury includes but is not limited to lacerations, fractured bones, burns, internal injuries, severe or frequent bruising or great bodily harm.

SEXUAL ABUSE: Includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Sexual intercourse or sexual contact (intentional touching, either directly or over the clothing, of a child's intimate body parts) with a child 17 years of age or less.
- Inducement of a child to engage in sexually explicit conduct in order to videotape, photograph, etc., that child or videotaping, photographing, etc., a child for such purposes, or producing, distributing, selling or otherwise profiting from such a videotape, photograph, etc.
- Causing a child to view or listen to sexual activity, either in person or through media.
- Exposing genitals to a child or having a child expose their genitals.
- Permitting or encouraging a child to engage in prostitution.

WI48.981 Abused or neglected children.

PERSONS REQUIRED TO REPORT:

(a) Any of the following persons who has reasonable cause to suspect or has reason to believe that a child seen by the person in the course of professional duties has been abused or neglected or who has reason to believe that a child has been threatened with abuse or neglect and that abuse or neglect of the child will occur shall report:

14. A school teacher.

15. A school administrator

16. A school counselor.

16m. A school employee not otherwise specified in this paragraph.

19. A child care provider.

- a. The child's parent, grandparent, greatgrandparent, stepparent, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, or half sister.
- b. The child's guardian.
- c. The child's legal custodian.
- d. A person who resides or has resided regularly or intermittently in the same dwelling as the child.
- e. An employee of a residential facility or residential care center for children and youth in which the child was or is placed.
- f. A person who provides or has provided care for the child in or outside of the child's home.
- g. Any other person who exercises or has exercised temporary or permanent control over the child or who temporarily or permanently supervises or has supervised the child.**
- h. Any relative of the child.

There are no mandated laws in State of WI to report abuse age 18 and over, or they are an adult now and it happened under age 18. I encourage those to make a report, especially if it is in the recent past and the abuser is still around children.