

Mandatory Reporting Obligations by Provider or Type of Service

It is a central tenet of survivor-centered services that sexual assault (SA) survivors need – and deserve – a right to privacy. This includes information about both the assault(s) as well as other aspects of their lives. We know that information is power, and in our work we are dedicated to empowering survivors. We also know that sexual assault (SA) survivors can have a wide range of needs post-assault, such as the need for medical care, systems-based or individual advocacy, mental health, legal assistance, and/or financial support, to name a few. As a result, individuals and agencies who work with SA survivors routinely provide referrals to other providers in the community who can help meet their needs.

At the Victim Rights Law Center, we believe that promoting and protecting survivors' privacy rights requires us to ensure that all survivors we work with understand – *before* making a disclosure – whether the information they choose to share will remain privileged, confidential, or will have to be disclosed, and if it has to be reported, what information will be shared and with whom. The chart below is a template designed to help you identify the most common referrals and resources where you direct survivors and the extent to which these other providers may (or may not) keep that information confidential.



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Mandatory reporting triggers in your jurisdiction →	Child Abuse	Elder Abuse (what is minimum age?)	Abuse of a person with a disability (what disabilities covered?)	Danger to Self and/or Danger to Others	Non-accidental Injury	Notes
Provider or Type of Service ↓						
Licensed counselor						
Mental health professional						
Community-based advocate						
Government-based advocate (e.g., employed by police, prosecutor's office)						
*Health care provider						
Family Planning						
SANE/SAFE exam						
Lawyer						
Police/Law enforcement						
School teacher or professor						
School-based health clinic						
School-based women's center or similarly situated resource						
Campus law enforcement						
Dorm or resident advisor						

