

Arizona Mandatory Reporting Requirements Regarding Elders/Disabled	
<i>Who Must Report?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physicians;</li> <li>• Registered nurse practitioners;</li> <li>• Hospital interns or residents;</li> <li>• Surgeons;</li> <li>• Dentists;</li> <li>• Psychologists;</li> <li>• Social workers;</li> <li>• Peace officers;</li> <li>• Any person who has responsibility for the care of a vulnerable adult;</li> <li>• Attorneys;</li> <li>• Accountants;</li> <li>• Trustees;</li> <li>• Guardians;</li> <li>• Conservators;</li> <li>• Any person who has responsibility for preparing the tax records of a vulnerable adult; and</li> <li>• Any person who has responsibility for any other action concerning the use or preservation of the vulnerable adult's property.</li> </ul>
<i>Standard of Knowledge</i>	Reasonable basis to believe that abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult has occurred or that exploitation of a vulnerable adult's property has occurred.
<i>Definition of Applicable Victim</i>	A "vulnerable adult" is an individual who is 18 years of age or older who is unable to protect himself from abuse, neglect, or exploitation by others because of a physical or mental impairment.
<i>Reports Made To</i>	<p>Reports must be made to a peace officer or to a protective services worker, except that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The guardian or conservator of a vulnerable adult must also immediately make a report to the superior court; and</li> <li>• Attorneys, accountants, trustees, guardians, conservators, persons who have responsibility for preparing the tax records of a vulnerable adult, and persons who have responsibility for any other action concerning the use or preservation of a vulnerable adult's property may instead make a report to the public fiduciary of the county in which the vulnerable adult resides.</li> </ul>

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<i>Contents of Report</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The names and addresses of the adult and any persons having control or custody of the adult, if known;</li> <li>• The adult's age and the nature and extent of the adult's vulnerability;</li> <li>• The nature and extent of the adult's injuries or physical neglect or the exploitation of the adult's property; and</li> <li>• Any other information that the person reporting believes might be helpful in establishing the cause of the adult's injuries or physical neglect or exploitation of the adult's property.</li> </ul>
<i>Timing/Other Procedures</i>	Reports must be made immediately in person or by telephone and shall be followed by a written report mailed or delivered within 48 hours or on the next working day if the 48 hours expire on a weekend or holiday.
<i>Other</i>	A person who fails to make a required report is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.
<i>Source/Applicable Statute(s)</i>	Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 46-451, 46-454 (2009).

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