



Child Safe Environments

Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect

Training For Mandated Notifiers

In South Australia a wide range of people are required by law to notify Families SA of situations where child abuse and neglect are suspected. Under the Children's Protection Act 1993 (as amended by the Amendment Bill 2005) these people are referred to as "mandated notifiers" and the obligation is outlined in Section 11 (1) and (2).

In response to the legislative amendments the Mandated notifiers program was updated in early 2006 and renamed Child Safe Environments - Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect. This reflects the vision of the government that the whole community will endeavour to care for and protect children through building stronger, more child-focused communities.

Section 11 (2) establishes that the following persons are mandated notifiers:

- (a) a medical practitioner;
- (ab) a pharmacist;
- (b) a registered or enrolled nurse;
- (c) a dentist;
- (d) a psychologist;
- (e) a police officer;
- (f) a community corrections officer (an officer or employee of an administrative unit of the Public Service whose duties include the supervision of young or adult offenders in the community);
- (g) a social worker;
- (ga) a minister of religion;
- (gb) a person who is an employee of, or volunteer in, an organisation formed for religious or spiritual purposes;
- (h) a teacher in an educational institution (including a kindergarten);
- (i) an approved family day care provider;
- (j) any other person who is an employee of, or volunteer in, a government or nongovernment organisation that provides health, welfare, education, sporting or recreational, child care or residential services wholly or partly for children, being a person who—
 - (i) is engaged in the actual delivery of those services to children; or
 - (ii) holds a management position in the relevant organisation the duties of which include direct responsibility for, or direct supervision of, the provision of those services to children.