

The Philippines Mandated Reporting Laws

Duty to Report in the Philippines:

- According to Republic Act No. 7610, "The Special Protection For a Child Against Abuse, Exploitation, and Discrimination Act:
- Do I have a duty to report cases of child abuse: "Yes, it is your civic and moral duty to do so," according to the Committee for the Special Protection of Children.

Who must report child abuse and who can be criminally prosecuted for failing to report child abuse?

1. The head of a public or private hospital, medical clinic or similar institution, as well as the physician and nurse who attended to the needs of the abused child.
2. Teachers and administrators of public schools
3. Parole and probation officers
4. Government lawyers
5. Law enforcement officers
6. Barangay officials
7. Correction officers such as jail guards
8. Other government officials and employees whose work involves dealing with children

Where do I report child abuse in the Philippines?

- Department of Social Welfare & Development or to the Child Health and Intervention and Protective Service (CHIPS) Tel. No. 734-4216
- Anti-Child Abuse, Discrimination, Exploitation Division (ACADED) National Bureau of Investigation Tel. Nos. 525-6028/525-8231 loc. 403 & 444
- Commission on Human Rights Child Rights Center Tel. No. 927-4033 (Mon-Fri during office hours)
- Philippine National Police Operation Center Tel. Nos. 712-8613/722-0540 & 724 8749 or nearest police station
- DOJ Task Force on Child Protection, Tel. Nos. 523-8481 to 89, loc. 378 or contact the nearest Provincial, City or Regional Prosecutor
- Local Barangay Council for the Protection of Children

Who can file a child abuse complaint in the Philippines?

1. The child victim
2. The parent or legal guardian of the victim
3. The grandparent, or relative of the child victim up to a first cousin
4. The Barangay Chairman
5. One of a group of 3 or more persons who have personal knowledge of the abuse.

Where can I file a complaint for child abuse in the Philippines?

- "Your complaint should be filed with the Department of Social Welfare and Development or with the police or other law enforcement agency."

This is summary information, not the full statutory text. Be sure to check your country's statutes for the most current and complete information for mandated reporters.

<https://www.doj.gov.ph/child-protection-program.html>

http://www.congress.gov.ph/legisdocs/ra_08/Ra07610.pdf

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