

## **IC 31-33-5**

### **Chapter 5. Duty to Report Child Abuse or Neglect**

#### **IC 31-33-5-1**

##### **Duty to make report**

Sec. 1. In addition to any other duty to report arising under this article, an individual who has reason to believe that a child is a victim of child abuse or neglect shall make a report as required by this article.

*As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.16.*

#### **IC 31-33-5-2**

##### **Notification of individual in charge of institution, school, facility, or agency; report**

Sec. 2. (a) If an individual is required to make a report under this article in the individual's capacity as a member of the staff of a medical or other public or private institution, school, facility, or agency, the individual shall immediately notify the individual in charge of the institution, school, facility, or agency or the designated agent of the individual in charge of the institution, school, facility, or agency.

(b) An individual notified under subsection (a) shall report or cause a report to be made.

*As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.16.*

#### **IC 31-33-5-3**

##### **Effect of compliance on individual's own duty to report**

Sec. 3. This chapter does not relieve an individual of the obligation to report on the individual's own behalf, unless a report has already been made to the best of the individual's belief.

*As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.16.*

#### **IC 31-33-5-4**

##### **Immediate oral report to department of child services or law enforcement agency**

Sec. 4. A person who has a duty under this chapter to report that a child may be a victim of child abuse or neglect shall immediately make an oral report to:

- (1) the department; or
- (2) the local law enforcement agency.

*As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.16. Amended by P.L.234-2005, SEC.107.*