# FAQs for Mandated Reporters

**Q:** Does client privilege exempt me from mandatory reporting?

**A:** With the exception of special circumstances for clergy, you are required to report regardless of your privilege.

**Q:** If someone gets hurt, am I liable?

**A:** Ethical, well-informed decisions protect you, but concealing suspicions or acting unethically may result in liability.

**Q:** What about my confidentiality?

**A:** Reporter confidentiality is protected withth e exception of consent or court inolvement.

**Q:** What info can I receive about the family after making a report?

**A:** You can request findings about investigated reports involving families you work with, unless it risks safety or child wellbeing.

**Q:** Can I report anonymously?

**A:** Yes, if you worry about retaliation or your relationship with the family; however, protections are in place to protect reporter identity.

**Q:** What if I disagree with those I consult with?

**A:** Best practice is to consult with a supervisor or colleague but the decision is ultimately yours, & good faith reports are legally protected.

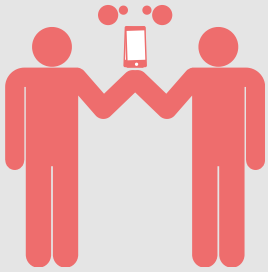
**Q:** How do I file a report of child abuse or neglect?

**A:**

**Call Centralized Intake**

**#1.800.649.5285**

**24 hours/day | 7 days/week.**

**BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE:**

- Names, ages, addresses, numbers of child, caregiver, suspected perpetrator
- Accessibility & interpretor needs
- Nature and circumstances of the abuse or neglect
- Info that might help protect the child & support the family