

4. "Education or social worker" shall mean any teacher in any school, public, parochial or private, or any caseworker or social worker in any public or private social, educational, health or [welfare] *social service* agency.

5. "Law enforcement officer" shall mean any policeman, constable, sheriff, deputy sheriff or State trooper in the service of the State of Maryland or any county or municipality thereof.

(d) Each such report made pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be made to the agencies as provided for hereinafter, both orally and in written form; both the reports to be made as soon as is reasonably possible in the circumstances, but, in any case, the written report must be made within forty-eight (48) hours of the contact, examination, attention or treatment which disclosed the existence of possible malicious treatment or beating. The oral report shall be made either by telephone or direct communication to the local department of [welfare] *social services*, provided, however, that such report shall not be necessary if it is the local department of [welfare] *social services* which discovers the condition and provided, further, that if the person making the report believes or has reason to believe that immediate protection of the child or children is necessary to insure the physical safety or welfare of the child or children involved, then in such event, the matter shall also be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency. The written reports required to be made shall be made in all cases to the local department of [welfare] *social services* and to the local State's attorney.

The oral and written reports shall contain the following information, or as much thereof as the person making the report shall be able in the circumstances to furnish:

(1) The name and home address or addresses of the child or children and the parent or other persons responsible for the care of the child or children in question;

(2) The present whereabouts of the child or children if not the same as the home address or addresses;

(3) The age or ages of the child or children;

(4) The nature and extent of the injuries or injury of the child or children in question, including any evidence or information available to the person or agency rendering the report of previous injury or injuries possibly resulting from malicious mistreatment or beating;

(5) All such other information available to the reporter which would be of aid in establishing the cause of the injuries and identity of the person or persons responsible therefor.

A report made by anyone other than a health practitioner, education or [welfare] *social service* worker, or law enforcement officer may be either written or oral, or both, and such reports shall be regarded as a report within the provisions of this section, whether or not the report contains all of the required information provided for in this subsection. Such reports by private persons or agencies other than the local department of [welfare] *social services* shall be promptly referred by the receiving agency to the local department of [welfare] *social services*. The local department of [wel-