

1. ANY PHYSICAL INJURY; OR

2. ANY NEGLECT THAT IS DETRIMENTAL TO PHYSICAL OR MENTAL WELL-BEING; AND

(II) "ABUSE" DOES NOT INCLUDE THE PERFORMANCE OF AN ACCEPTED MEDICAL PROCEDURE THAT A PHYSICIAN ORDERS.

(3) "LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY" MEANS THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE OR A POLICE AGENCY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

(4) "NURSING HOME" MEANS A RELATED INSTITUTION THAT IS CLASSIFIED AS A NURSING HOME.

(B) REPORT OF ALLEGED ABUSE.

(1) A PERSON WHO BELIEVES THAT A RESIDENT OF A NURSING HOME HAS BEEN ABUSED PROMPTLY SHALL REPORT THE ALLEGED ABUSE TO AN APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND TO THE SECRETARY.

(2) A REPORT:

(I) MAY BE ORAL OR WRITTEN; AND

(II) SHALL CONTAIN AS MUCH INFORMATION AS THE REPORTER IS ABLE TO PROVIDE.

(C) INVESTIGATION.

(1) THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL:

(I) INVESTIGATE THOROUGHLY EACH REPORT OF AN ALLEGED ABUSE; AND

(II) ATTEMPT TO INSURE THE PROTECTION OF THE ALLEGED VICTIM.

(2) THE INVESTIGATION SHALL INCLUDE:

(I) A DETERMINATION OF THE NATURE, EXTENT, AND CAUSE OF THE ABUSE;

(II) THE IDENTITY OF THE ALLEGED ABUSER; AND

(III) ANY OTHER PERTINENT FACT OR MATTER.

(D) REPORT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

WITHIN 10 WORKING DAYS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE INVESTIGATION, THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL SUBMIT A