

(C) FORM OF REPORT.

A REPORT MADE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION MAY BE ORAL OR IN WRITING.

(D) CONTENTS OF REPORT.

A REPORT MADE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE REGARDED AS A REPORT WITHIN THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE, WHETHER OR NOT THE REPORT CONTAINS ALL OF THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY § 5-903 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as Article 27, § 35A(e).

The only changes are in style.

Defined terms: "Abuse" § 5-901
"Child" § 5-901 "Educator or social worker" § 5-901
"Health practitioner" § 5-901
"Law enforcement agency" § 5-901
"Local department" § 5-901 "Police officer" § 5-901

5-905. INVESTIGATION.

(A) INITIATION OF INVESTIGATION.

PROMPTLY AFTER RECEIVING A REPORT OF SUSPECTED ABUSE, THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OR THE APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, AS APPROPRIATE, OR BOTH, IF JOINTLY AGREED ON, SHALL MAKE A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION TO PROTECT THE WELFARE OF THE CHILD OR CHILDREN.

(B) SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION.

THE INVESTIGATION SHALL INCLUDE:

(1) A DETERMINATION OF THE NATURE, EXTENT, AND CAUSE OF THE ABUSE, IF ANY; AND

(2) IF THE SUSPECTED ABUSE IS VERIFIED:

(I) A DETERMINATION OF THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ABUSE;

(II) A DETERMINATION OF THE NAME, AGE, AND CONDITION OF ANY OTHER CHILD IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD;

(III) AN EVALUATION OF THE PARENTS AND THE HOME ENVIRONMENT; AND

(IV) A DETERMINATION OF ANY OTHER PERTINENT FACTS OR MATTERS.

(C) ASSISTANCE BY STATE'S ATTORNEY.