

(1) notify the local department or the appropriate law enforcement agency; and

(2) if acting as a staff member of a hospital, public health agency, child care institution, juvenile detention center, school, or similar institution, [immediately] notify IMMEDIATELY and give all information required by this section to the head of the institution or the designee of the head.

(b) (1) An individual who notifies the appropriate authorities under subsection (a) of this section shall make:

(i) an oral report, by telephone or direct communication, to the local department or the appropriate law enforcement agency as soon as possible; and

(ii) a written report to the local department, with a copy sent to the local State's Attorney, not later than 48 hours after--

--1-- the contact, examination, attention, or treatment that caused the individual to believe that the child had been subjected to abuse;--OR_

2--THE-REPORTING-INDIVIDUAL-HAS-REASON-TO-BELIEVE--THAT--A--CHILD--HAS--BEEN--SUBJECTED-TO-ABUSE AND-MAY-BE SUBJECTED-TO-FUTURE-ABUSE.

(D)--A-PERSON-WHO-IS-REQUIRED-TO-MAKE-THE-NOTIFICATION-UNDER SUBSECTION-(A)-OF-THIS-SECTION-AND-WHO-KNOWINGLY--FAILS--TO--MAKE THE--NOTIFICATION--IS--LIABLE--FOR--A-CIVIL-PENALTY-NOT-EXCEEDING \$1,000-TO-BE-COLLECTED-IN-A-CIVIL-ACTION--BROUGHT--BY--THE--LOCAL DEPARTMENT-OR-LOCAL-STATE'S-ATTORNEY.

Article - Health Occupations

7-313.

(a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 7-314 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke the license of a licensee if the applicant or licensee:

(11) Submits a false statement to collect a fee; [or]

(12) Is professionally, physically, or mentally incompetent; OR

(13) KNOWINGLY FAILS TO REPORT SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE IN VIOLATION OF § 5-903 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE.

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