

Memo

To: All Agencies
From: PAEMS Office
CC:
Date: May 11, 2010
Re: Mandatory Reporting

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Remember that healthcare workers (including EMTs/Paramedics) are mandated by Illinois state law to report cases of suspected abuse or neglect to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) by calling 1-800-252-2873. Even though the Emergency Department will also report what they are mandated to report, if abuse is suspected, the pre-hospital personal must report what they have found. Willful failure to report suspected incidents of child abuse/neglect is a misdemeanor (1st violation) or a class 4 felony (2nd or subsequent violations). The reports must be confirmed in writing to the local investigation unit within 48 hours of the Hotline call.

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