# **Mandatory Reporting for OVW-Funded Victim Service Providers**

#### Are you a mandatory reporter?

A statute or case law (not contract or MOU) must require you to report. Make sure your job, role, or profession must report. Let anyone you serve know if you are a mandatory reporter before they tell you anything that might have to be reported.

Is this person in a category of people whose abuse or neglect you are required to report, e.g., a child, elder, or adult with a disability?

### Has this person experienced or committed abuse or neglect?

Is a report required because of the specific abuse or neglect that occurred?

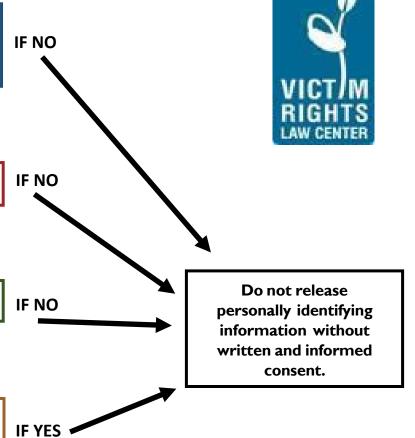
#### Are you exempt from reporting in this case?

Are you not required to report because of a victim-advocate, therapist-patient, attorney-client, or other privilege law that prohibits disclosure without consent?

## What must I do when a report has to be made?

Make reasonable attempts to notify victims you serve affected by disclosure. Discuss to whom a report can be made (when law gives options). Only report what the law requires unless you have written and informed consent to share more. Take steps to protect the privacy and safety of persons affected by a report.

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VRLC has additional resources about mandatory reporting, some of which are jurisdiction-specific.

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