



In addition to general mandatory reporting laws, there are profession-specific laws which may require providing information or reporting.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Duty to Provide Educational Materials to Victims of Domestic and Dating Violence and Abuse¹</p> | <p>“Professionals” include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • physician, medical resident, medical intern, osteopathic physician • coroner, medical examiner • chiropractor, dentist, optometrist • nurse • emergency medical technician, paramedic • licensed mental health professional, therapist • cabinet employee • child-care personnel • teacher, school personnel • ordained minister or the denominational equivalent • victim advocate • or any organization or agency employing any of these professionals | <p>When “a professional has <u>reasonable cause</u> to believe that a victim with whom [they have] had a <u>professional interaction</u> has <i>experienced domestic violence and abuse or dating violence and abuse.</i>”</p> <p><u>What is “domestic and dating violence and abuse”?</u> Domestic and dating violence and abuse occurs when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A spouse or former spouse, a person with whom they share a child in common, live or have lived together as a couple, or are or have been in a dating relationship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inflicts a physical injury, serious physical injury, stalking, sexual abuse, assault, or the infliction of fear of imminent physical injury, serious physical injury, sexual abuse, or assault upon the other | <p>No report made here², instead, must provide victim with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • educational materials related to domestic or dating violence and abuse, • referral information for accessing regional domestic violence programs or rape crisis centers, and • information about how to access protective orders <p>Materials may be accessed online or provided in print by contacting your local domestic violence center or the Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence at (502) 209-5382 or kcadv.org.</p> |

¹ [KRS Chapter 209A](#)

² Exceptions: When victim requests contacting police [KRS 209A.100](#) AND if death of victim is related to abuse, [KRS 209A.110](#)

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| <p>Duty of Mental Health Professional to Warn Intended Victim of Patient's Threat of Violence³</p> | <p>“Mental health professionals”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensed physician • Licensed psychiatrist • Licensed/certified psychologist • Registered nurse providing mental health services • Licensed clinical social worker • Licensed marriage and family therapist • Credentialed professional counselor • Certified art therapist • Licensed pastoral counselor <p>In addition to above list, for juveniles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person acting in role of counselor⁴ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient communicates an actual threat of physical violence against a clearly identified or reasonably identifiable victim • Or communicates actual threat of specific violent actor | <p>When victim is identifiable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasonable efforts to communicate threat to victim • And notify police department <p>If no identifiable victim:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate threat to law enforcement • May also take reasonable efforts to seek civil commitment |
| <p>Sexual offenses at school⁵</p> | <p>Principals</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasonable belief that a sexual offense occurred on school property or at a school-sponsored function | <p>Report to local law enforcement</p> |

Note: This chart is not inclusive of all possible professional duties.

Note: Professional-specific duties do NOT change the duties of mandatory reporting of child or vulnerable adult abuse and neglect, when appropriate. Please contact KASAP for a copy of the *Kentucky General Mandatory Reporting* chart.

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³ KRS [202A.400](#) and [645.270](#)

⁴ [KRS 645.270](#)

⁵ [KRS 158.154](#)