

SOG #
99-46

Purpose:

To ensure mandated reporting occurs.

Scope:

Any firefighter, who in his/her professional capacity shall have reasonable cause to believe that a child under the age of eighteen years or an elder is suffering physical or emotional injury resulting from abuse inflicted upon him including sexual abuse, or from neglect including malnutrition shall immediately report such condition to DFC or The Department of Elder Affairs by oral communication and by making a written report within (48) forty-eight hours after such oral communication.

It is permissible for EMS personnel to verbally report the case to the Police Department with jurisdiction or to the Emergency Room personnel if the notified party agrees to complete the required paperwork. Written documentation on the prehospital care report will reflect the circumstances of the suspected neglect and must include the name of the individual that the case is reported or referred to for action.

Required Mandated Reporting forms can be obtained in the Topsfield Fire Department watch room file.