

POLICY:	REPORTABLE INCIDENTS – 300.14		
APPROVAL:	VICE PRESIDENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES; MANAGER OF EMS;		
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DEPARTMENT SPECIFIC		EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	

I. Purpose:

To identify the responsibility of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) pre-hospital providers to report any incidents harmful to the public good discovered while in the process of delivering patient care.

II. Policy:

A. There is an obligation on the part of all pre-hospital care providers and health care workers to report suspicious crimes. The nature of the injury should be considered in light of the history of the incident.

B. Examples of crimes or suspicious incidents:

1. Child abuse and/or neglect*
2. Elder abuse and/or neglect*
3. Abused and neglected long-term care facility residents*
4. Sexual assault*
5. Domestic violence
6. Assault with weapon or battery
7. Motor vehicle crash
8. Suspicious deaths
9. Dog/animal bites
10. Gunshot wounds

C. Notify appropriate agencies. The circumstances of the reportable incident should be communicated to the emergency department personnel as well. This can enhance the emergency department physician's assessment of the patient and the patient situation in order to provide appropriate care.

*Contact the appropriate hotline for mandatory reporting:

1. Illinois Department of Children & Family Services Child Abuse Hotline
 - 1-800-25-ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) or 1-217-785-4020
2. Illinois Department on Aging, Elder Abuse Hotline
 - 24 Hour Adult Protective Services Hotline: 1-866-800-1409
 - IPDH Nursing Home Hotline 1-800-252-4343
 - See Policy [300.25 Victims of Abuse](#)

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