

Mandatory Reporter Guide (MRG)

Is an online interactive structured decision making tool designed to:

- Assist mandatory reporters to determine whether a case meets the threshold of risk of significant harm.
- Assist mandatory reporters to focus on the most critical pieces of information.
- Assist mandatory reporters to determine the next step if a case does not reach the threshold.

How do reporters determine what is risk of significant harm?

- ***The Mandatory Reporter Guide (MRG)*** is a Structured Decision Making Tool designed to help front-line mandatory reporters determine whether a case meets the threshold for ***risk of significant harm***.
- Aims to support mandatory reporters at each key decision point using the best available evidence to guide their decisions. Is this child protection or child wellbeing?
- Does not replace professional judgement or critical thinking.

What will this mean for you?

- Whilst the threshold for reporting to community services has increased, school staff are still expected to report to their Head of School/nominee any concerns of child abuse and neglect.
- Child Protection Helpline number for Mandatory Reporters 133 627
- Online Mandatory Reporter Guide
<http://sdm.community.nsw.gov.au/mrg>
or at www.keepthemsafe.nsw.gov.au