

Need help to decide whether a mandatory report is required?



MANDATORY REPORTER GUIDE

It's sometimes difficult to decide if you need to report a situation or not. The online Mandatory Reporter Guide can help you decide whether a child's situation meets the risk of significant harm threshold. It can:

- save you time
- make it easier to make a decision
- provide other options for dealing with the situation.

More than 50 percent of reports don't meet the risk of significant harm threshold and are therefore closed at the Child Protection Helpline. This leaves a child with a record, even though there is no need for one.

If you're concerned about a child or young person, the Mandatory Reporter Guide can help you decide whether to make a report or undertake alternative actions such as:

- consulting with a professional
- making a referral to assist the child or young person and their family (for example refer to a Family Referral Service)
- documenting and continuing your relationship with the family
- monitoring the situation.

The online Mandatory Reporter Guide has a simple click through process to lead you to a decision and generates a report that can be printed for your records. If the guide suggests alternative actions, practical tips are provided to help you assist the child or young person.

The Mandatory Reporter Guide is found at
<http://sdm.community.nsw.gov.au/mrg/>



The Mandatory Reporter Guide was collaboratively developed by the Department of Family and Community Services with NSW Police Force, NSW Department of Education and Communities, NSW Health and peak non-government organisations.