# MANDATED REPORTING: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



## AM I A MANDATED REPORTER?





Psychiatrists,

counselors

Clergy

psychologists, therapists and

- Social Services
- Child Care Providers
- Mental Health Services
- Hospital Administration
- Education Providers
- Healing Arts Law Enforcement, probation, or correctional services or supervision

The law also allows for the voluntary reporting of child maltreatment by persons who are not required by law to report.

## WHEN DO I MAKE A REPORT?

Make a report when you have reasonable suspicion of abuse or neglect

A report must be made immediately

Orally within 24 hours.

Followed by a written report within 72 hours

### WHERE TO REPORT **CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT**

#### Maltreatment by a Caretaker

Reporting the abuse or neglect by a person in the care taking role can be made to Roseau County Social Services by calling 218-463-2411.

### **Emergency or Imminent** Danger.....Call 911.

Only Law Enforcement can remove a child for immediate safety without a court order. Roseau County Social Services, and Law Enforcement cross report all reports of alleged child abuse/neglect.

#### HOW DO I MAKE A REPORT?

When making a report, you will be asked for information to help identify and locate the child or parents/persons legally responsible for the child. AT A MINIMUM, YOU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE:

- Child's Name and Age
- Mame or Names of Parents or Guardians
- Type of Abuse
- Name of the person committing the abuse and any relationship with the child
- Include any other details that are useful, but if the child does not volunteer information DO NOT continue to question.

There may be times when you have very little information on which to base your suspicion of abuse or maltreatment, but this should not prevent you from calling a Roseau County Social Services Child Protection Intake worker.

A trained specialist at Roseau County Social Services will help to determine if the information you are providing can be screened as a report.

THANK YOU FOR DOING YOUR PART TO HELP KEEP CHILDREN SAFE!