

# Why do **WE** have to deal with this?

- Every State **legally mandates** that a wide range of professionals report suspected child abuse and neglect.
- State-by-state presentation of the law can be found at...

The screenshot displays the 'Child Welfare Information Gateway' website. The header includes the logo and navigation links such as Home, About Us, FAQs, Highlights, Press Room, Free Subscriptions, Send Us Comments, Resources in Spanish, Contact Us, and Site Map. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main content area is titled 'State Statutes' and provides instructions on how to use the searchable online database. It includes a 'Select All' dropdown menu for choosing a state and a section for selecting a topic. The 'Systemwide' topic is currently selected in the left-hand navigation menu.

[http://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws\\_policies/state/](http://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws_policies/state/)



## State Statutes Results

### Florida

#### Child Abuse and Neglect

##### Mandatory Reporters of Child Abuse and Neglect

To better understand this issue and to view it across States, see the *Mandatory Reporters of Child Abuse and Neglect: Summary of State Laws* ([PDF](#) - 380 KB) publication.

##### Professionals Required to Report Citation: Ann. Stat. § 39.201

The following persons are mandated reporters:

- Physicians, osteopaths, medical examiners, chiropractors, nurses, or hospital personnel
- Other health or mental health professionals
- Practitioners who rely solely on spiritual means for healing
- Teachers or other school officials or personnel
- Social workers, daycare center workers, or other professional child care, foster care, residential, or institutional workers
- Law enforcement officers or judges

##### Reporting by Other Persons Citation: Ann. Stat. § 39.201

Any person who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused, abandoned, or neglected shall report.

##### Standards for Making a Report Citation: Ann. Stat. § 39.201

A report is required when:

- A person knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused, abandoned, or