

## Signs of Adult Abuse: Who Must Report and To Whom?

What Happened?	Who Must Report?	To What or Whom?	Any Exceptions or Special Requirements?	Penalties
<p>Caregiver Misconduct including abuse, neglect, exploitation or misappropriation of client property</p> <p>N.C.G.S. § 108A-102</p>	Everyone	County Department of Social Services, Division of Adult Protective Services	Disabled Adult, (18 and over), with a mental or physical disability that prevents the adult from obtaining essential services, for Social Services Department involvement.	None
<p>All Injuries Caused by Guns or Firearms or Poisoning</p> <p>N.C.G.S. § 90-21.20</p>	Hospital, Sanatorium, Medical Facility Director or Designee; Physician or Surgeon	Appropriate Law Enforcement Agency	As soon as practicable: before, during or after treatment.	None
<p>Injuries Caused by Knives</p> <p>N.C.G.S. § 90-21.20</p>	Hospital, Sanatorium, Medical Facility Director or Designee; Physician; Surgeon	Appropriate Law Enforcement Agency	Must be a Criminal Act of Violence Involved	None
<p>Wound Or Injury With Grave Bodily Harm Or Grave Illness</p> <p>N.C.G.S. § 90-21.20</p>	Hospital, Sanatorium, Medical Facility Director or Designee; Physician; Surgeon	Appropriate Law Enforcement Agency	Must be a Criminal Act of Violence Involved	None
<p>Injuries Caused by Domestic Violence</p> <p>N.C.G.S. § 90-21.20</p>	Hospital, Sanatorium, Medical Facility Director or Designee; Physician; Surgeon	Appropriate Law Enforcement Agency	<p>1. Must Be Wound Or Injury With Grave Bodily Harm Or Grave Illness Caused By A Criminal Act Of Violence Or</p> <p>2. An Injury Caused By Firearms Or Poisoning</p>	None
Sexual Violence	<p>No Mandatory Sexual Violence Or Rape Reporting.</p> <p>If There Is An Injury Involving A Gun Or Firearm, Or Poison Or if an Injury Involves a Knife and a Criminal Act of Violence is Suspected OR Other Grave Bodily Harm or Illness Is Present, Hospital, Sanatorium, Medical Facility Director Or Designee; Physician; Surgeon Is Required to Report.</p>	Appropriate Law Enforcement Agency	Victims Of Sexual Assault Are Entitled To A Free Forensic Medical Examination If And Only If (1) They Report Incident To Law Enforcement Within Five Days Of The Assault And (2) The Examination Is Performed Within Five Days Of The Assault, (Unless "Good Cause" Is Shown).	None
Therapist's Patient Threatens Victim	Therapists, clinicians, physicians, psychologists.	Duty to warn potential identified victim.	No duty to warn third or unidentified persons.	Potential Civil Liability