



Reporting the Substance Exposed Newborn in Oklahoma

Per Oklahoma statute ([10A O.S. § 1-2-101](#) (OSCN 2019)):

B.3. Every physician, surgeon, or other health care professional including doctors of medicine, licensed osteopathic physicians, residents and interns, or any other health care professional or midwife involved in the prenatal care of expectant mothers or the delivery or care of infants shall promptly report to the Department instances in which an infant tests positive for alcohol or a controlled dangerous substance. This shall include infants who are diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome or Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

B.4. No privilege or contract shall relieve any person from the requirement of reporting pursuant to this section.

Oklahoma Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-522-3511

Please have the following information ready before making the call:

1. The names, addresses, ages and whereabouts of the child and the child's parents, or other persons responsible for the child's welfare, such as at the school, work, daycare, or hospital
2. Information pertaining to support systems for the family, other individuals who may be aware of the abuse or neglect, or any safety-related issues child welfare may need to be aware of prior to making contact with the family, such as domestic violence, presence of weapons, or use of illegal substances
3. The nature and extent of the abuse or neglect
4. Any historical information on the family related to the safety and well-being of the children and their parents or other identified caretakers
5. Any other information that might be helpful in establishing the cause of the injuries and the identity of the person responsible.

All calls are assigned a *referral number*. It is suggested that you ask the hotline representative for the *referral number* and retain for future reference.