Kansas
Child Abuse Reporting

Who do I contact to report an incident in Kansas?
The Kansas Protection Report Center at the Department for Children and Families

Phone: 1-800-922-5330
Mandated reporters can report electronically at
http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Pages/MR-Online-Report.aspx

In the event of an emergency contact your local law enforcement or call 911.

How much time do I have to report an incident?
Kansas does not provide a specific time frame in which an incident must be reported, only that it be reported "promptly." **Kan. Stat. Ann. §38-2223(a)(1)**.

What is "child abuse" in Kansas?
Kansas requests a person report promptly if they have reason to suspect a child has been harmed as a result of physical, mental, or emotional abuse[i] or neglect[ii] or sexual abuse[iii]. **Kan. Stat. Ann. §38-2223(a)(1)**.

Who is a mandatory reporter in Kansas?
Persons licensed to practice the healing arts, dentistry and optometry; persons engaged in postgraduate training programs approved by the state board of healing arts; licensed professional or practical nurses; and chief administrative officers of medical care facilities; Licensed psychologists, licensed masters level psychologists, licensed clinical psychotherapists, licensed social workers, licensed marriage and family therapists, licensed behavioral analysts, licensed assistant behavioral analysts, licensed professional counselors, licensed clinical marriage and family therapists, licensed clinical professional counselors and registered alcohol and drug abuse counselors; teachers, school administrators and other employees of an educational institution that the child is attending and any member of the board of directors of the Kansas state high school activities association referenced in K.S.A. 72–7114, and amendments thereto, and any person who is employed by or is an officer of such association; persons licensed by the secretary of health and environment to provide child care services or the employees of persons so licensed at the place where the child care services are being provided to the child; firefighters, emergency medical services personnel, law enforcement officers, juvenile intake and assessment workers, court services officers, community corrections officers, case managers appointed under K.S.A. 23-3508, and amendments thereto, and mediators appointed under K.S.A. 23-3502, and amendments thereto; any person employed by or who works as a volunteer for any organization, whether for profit or not-for-profit, that provides social services to pregnant teenagers, including, but not limited to, counseling, adoption services and pregnancy education and maintenance. **Kan. Stat. Ann. §38-2223(a)(1)**.

Are Clergy mandatory reporters in Kansas?
No.

This does NOT restrict the clergy's ability to report if the clergy member receives information outside of a penitential communication. "Anyone who, without malice, participates in the

making of a report to the secretary or a law enforcement agency…shall have immunity from any civil liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed." **Kan. Stat. Ann. §38-2223(f)**.

Where can I find Kansas law on child abuse?
https://www.ksrevisor.org/statutes/chapters/ch38/038_022_0002.html

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[i] Means the infliction of physical, mental, or emotional harm or the causing of a deterioration of a child and may include, but shall not be limited to, maltreatment or exploiting a child to the extent that the child's health or emotional well-being is endangered. **Kan. Stat. Ann §38-2202(y)**.

[ii] Means acts or omissions by a parent, guardian or person responsible for the care of a child resulting in harm to a child, or presenting a likelihood of harm, and the acts or omissions are not due solely to the lack of financial means of the child's parents or other custodian. Neglect may include, but shall not be limited to:

(1) Failure to provide the child will food, clothing, or shelter necessary to sustain the life or health of the child;
(2) Failure to provide adequate supervision of a child or to remove a child from a situation that requires judgement or actions beyond the child's level of maturity, physical condition or mental abilities and that results in bodily injury or a likelihood of harm to the child; or
(3) Failure to use resources available to treat a diagnosed medical condition if such treatment will make a child substantially more comfortable, reduce pain and suffering, or correct or substantially diminish a crippling condition from worsening. A parent legitimately practicing religious beliefs who does not provide specified medical treatment for a child because of religious beliefs shall, not for that reason, be considered a negligent parent; however, this exception shall not preclude a court from entering an order pursuant to K.S.A. 2020 Sup..38-2217(a)(2), and amendments thereto. **Kan. Stat. Ann §38-2202(t)**.

[iii] Means any contact or interaction with a child in which the child is being used for the sexual stimulation of the perpetrator, the child or another person. Sexual shall include, but is not limited to, allowing, permitting or encouraging a child to:

1. Be photographed, filmed or depicted in pornographic material; or
2. be subjected to aggravated human trafficking, as defined in K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-5426(b), and amendments thereto, if committed in whole or in part for the purpose of the sexual gratification of the offender or another, or be subjected to an act that would constitute conduct proscribed by article 55 of chapter 31 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated or K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-6419 or 21-6422, and amendments thereto. **Kan. Stat. Ann §38-2202(gg)**.