

French Penal code (General criminal Law), Article 226-14; Act n° 2004-1 of 2.1.2004 (France)

Targeted professionals: Medical and social workers + other professions usually bound to secrecy, depending upon the conditions for disclosing information specified in this provision

Professional Secrecy Provisions

Conditions for disclosing information

Physical or psychological abuses perpetrated against underage children or persons unable to protect themselves due to their age or incapacity.

Physical or psychological abuses noticed by a physician within the frame of his daily practice and supporting the strong presumption that physical, sexual or psychological violence is perpetrated against the patient. The formal agreement of the latter is requested for reporting abuses.

Right or duty to report

Right to report to administrative, justice or medical authorities (any profession bound to secrecy);
Right to report to the District Attorney / Procureur de la République (for Physicians); Right to report to the prefect (in Paris, the prefect of Police) (For medical and social workers)

Existence of disciplinary sanctions in case of non-reporting

No

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