

## Duty to report sexual misconduct

**What is it?** A legal obligation to report sexual misconduct by a licensee of the North Carolina Medical Board, established by [2019 amendments to the NC Medical Practice Act](#).

**Who does this affect?** The law applies to any licensed physician or PA who is aware that another licensee of the North Carolina Medical Board may have engaged in sexual misconduct with a patient or patients.

**Why is this needed?** Over the past decade, multiple cases of sexual misconduct by medical professionals have come to light that have revealed a need for greater reporting. In some instances, sexual misconduct went on for years or even decades without any complaint to the appropriate medical regulatory authority, even when other medical professionals were aware of allegations.

**When is a report required?** North Carolina law states that a licensee of the medical board must report if he or she “reasonably believes” that another licensee has engaged in sexual misconduct with patients. It is not necessary to have absolute proof of sexual misconduct.

**How is a report submitted?** Head to the North Carolina Medical Board website to [report a concern online](#).

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### Additional Resources



[Duty to Report resource page](#)



[MedBoard Matters podcast on Licensee Duty to Report Sexual Misconduct](#)