

235A.17 Redissemination of child abuse information.

1. A person, agency, or other recipient of child abuse information authorized to receive such information shall not retransmit such information, except that retransmission shall be permitted when all of the following conditions apply:

a. The retransmission is for official purposes in connection with prescribed duties or, in the case of a health practitioner, pursuant to professional responsibilities.

b. The person to whom such information would be retransmitted would have independent access to the same information under [section 235A.15](#).

c. A written record is made of the retransmission, including the name of the recipient and the date and purpose of the retransmission.

d. The written record is forwarded to the registry within thirty days of the retransmission.

2. The department may notify orally the mandatory reporter in an individual child abuse case of the results of the case assessment and of the confidentiality provisions of [sections 235A.15](#) and [235A.21](#). The department shall subsequently transmit a written notice to the mandatory reporter of the results and confidentiality provisions. If the report data and disposition data have been placed in the registry as founded child abuse pursuant to [section 232.71D](#), a copy of the written notice shall be transmitted to the registry and shall be maintained by the registry as provided in [section 235A.18](#). Otherwise, a copy of the written notice shall be retained by the department with the case file.

3. a. For the purposes of [this subsection](#), “*subject of a child abuse report*” means any individual listed in [section 235A.15](#), [subsection 2](#), paragraph “a”, other than the attorney or guardian ad litem of such individual.

b. An individual who is the subject of a child abuse report may retransmit to the governor or the governor’s designee or to a member of the general assembly or an employee of the general assembly designated by the member, child abuse information that was disseminated to the individual by the department or other official source. The child abuse information may also include the following related information that the individual is allowed under law to possess:

(1) Department information described in [section 217.30](#), [subsection 2](#).

(2) Mental health information as defined in [section 228.1](#).

(3) Juvenile court social records and other information in official juvenile court records described in [section 232.147](#).

c. A person who receives confidential child abuse information and related information retransmitted under [this subsection](#) shall not further disseminate, communicate, or attempt to communicate the information to a person who is not authorized by [this section](#) or other provision of law to have access to the information.

[C75, 77, 79, 81, §235A.17]

[84 Acts, ch 1279, §23; 87 Acts, ch 153, §13; 97 Acts, ch 35, §17, 25; 97 Acts, ch 176, §10, 38, 43; 2000 Acts, ch 1137, §10, 14; 2015 Acts, ch 29, §35; 2019 Acts, ch 125, §3; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §709, 710](#)

Referred to in [§216A.136](#), [235A.12](#), [235A.15](#), [235A.21](#)