

VIGNETTES

Vignette #1

Dr. Brown is seeing a 4-year-old girl and a 10-year-old boy for psychotherapy. Parents are divorced and dad is an alcoholic. Dad oftentimes still drinks in the house and is oftentimes drunk. Grandmother lives with dad and helps take care of the children. The son participates in a variety of sports after school and grandmother takes him to and from practice.

Is the psychologist mandated to report in this situation?

Vignette #2

A school psychologist is providing psychotherapy for a student who is 18 years of age. The student tells the psychologist that her dad sexually abused her when she lived at home and she knows that he is sexually abusing the sister who is 14 years old and still living with her father.

Is the psychologist mandated to report in this situation?

Vignette #3

A school psychologist is providing psychotherapy for a student who is 17 years of age. The student tells the psychologist that her dad physically abused her when she lived at home this summer and she knows that he physically abused her sister when the sister was 11 years old. The sister is currently 14 years old.

Is the psychologist mandated to report in this situation?

Vignette #4

A psychologist is seeing a 12-year-old girl for psychotherapy and the girl reports that another child that is age 12 has engaged in sexual contact with her (kissing, groping and touching genitals). The acts are consensual.

Is the psychologist mandated to report in this situation?

Vignette #5

A psychologist is seeing a 16-year-old girl who reports that she is having consensual sexual relations with her uncle. They have been doing this for over a year and want to get married in the future.

Is the psychologist mandated to report in this situation?

Vignette #6

A psychologist is seeing a student athlete who is 15 years old. He is having problems with his math class and needs to get his grades up so that he can continue to be eligible to play football. He told the psychologist in session that a girl who is 16 years old said that she would help him study for his math exams only if he would have sex with her. He was really concerned about passing the class so he agreed to her proposal and had sex with her on multiple occasions so that she would help him pass the exam.

Is the psychologist mandated to report in this situation?

Vignette #7

The psychologist was seeing a patient who was 16 years old and was suffering from anxiety. The patient lived with her mother, father and grandfather. The grandfather was verbally abusive to the patient. He constantly berated her, told her that she was no good and every time she tried to do something for him he would tell her that it was never good enough. The patient said that anytime he walked into the room she would get sick to her stomach and would have to leave the room to use the bathroom. Also, her bedroom was next to the grandfather's and she was always afraid that he would come into her room and do something to her. She was having trouble sleeping and focusing in school.

Is the psychologist mandated to report in this situation?

Vignette #8

The psychologist was seeing a child who was 12 years old. The child lived with her mother who was a single parent. The mother was a waitress and oftentimes had to switch shifts with other waitresses so it was common that the girl would be left alone at least one night a week while her mother had the night shift. The girl had a cell phone and there was a neighbor down the block who was available if the girl needed something.

Is the psychologist mandated to report in this situation?