Topic 4.3: Breaking Confidentiality and Mandatory Reporting

Main Ideas

- **Mandatory reporting** means if researchers learn that a research participant is being hurt or abused, they have to share the information with authorities (people who can stop other people from being hurt). Researchers also have to share information if they found out a research participant is hurting or abusing someone else.

- Mandatory reporting means you **cannot keep information private** and **confidential** if you find out **someone is being hurt or hurting someone else**.

- Mandatory reporting **helps people be safe**.

- **Mandatory reporting** can be **hard**. Your **project leader can help** you learn more about mandatory reporting.