

# VAERS: The People's Safety Signal

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Why Your Report Matters More Than You Think

**1% The 1% Problem**  
A Harvard Pilgrim study estimated that fewer than **1%** of vaccine adverse events are ever reported to VAERS.

**The Only Public Record**  
This is the nation's primary early warning system. If you don't report it, it **didn't happen** in the eyes of the data.

**No Permission Needed**  
You **do not need** a doctor's diagnosis or permission to file a report. Patients and parents have **full authority**.

**Scientific Integrity**  
Filing a report creates a **permanent data point** that researchers cannot ignore. It is an act of **public service**.

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The Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) is the nation's early warning system. Fewer than 1% of adverse events are reported.

## Why Report?

- It creates a permanent public record.
- It helps researchers identify safety signals.
- You do not need a doctor's permission.

File your report at [vaers.hhs.gov](https://vaers.hhs.gov).

