

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RESPONDING TO CHLD SEXUAL ABUSE

MINNESOTA

CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

Contact your Minnesota county or tribal social services agency or any Law Enforcement Agency at 911. You are not required to provide proof. Anyone who makes a good faith report based on reasonable grounds is immune from prosecution. If the abuse occurred within the past 72 hours, a medical evaluation by a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner is available by going to the Emergency Department at Your County Medical Center or by going to the nearest child advocacy center.

HELPLINES

Minnesota Day One Crisis Hotline (24 hours) call 1-866-223-111 or text 612-399-9995

United Way Crisis Helpline (24 hour) 888-421-1266
211(after hours)

Darkness to Light Helpline Call 1-866- FOR-LIGHT or Text LIGHT to 741741

Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline call or text 1-800-4-A-CHILD

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Legal Help

St Louis County Victim Witness Program 218-726-2034

Victim Services Division, Hennepin County Attorney's Office 612-348-7916

Victim Advocacy

360 Communities 952-985-4076
Lake Crisis & Resource Center 218-847-7446
Olmsted County Victim Services 507-328-7270

RESOURCES FOR HEALING

Treatment Providers

Sexual Violence Center 612-871-5111

Support groups for survivors and for parents and families of children who have been abused

Someplace Safe 218-739-3468
Violence Intervention Project 218-681-5557

WEBSITES FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND/OR TRAUMA

www.D2L.org 1-843-965-5444

www.trauma-pages.com

www.stopitnow.com 1-888-PREVENT

THERE ARE SEVERAL
CHILD ADVOCACY
CENTERS IN
MINNESOTA.

Feel free to call the center with any questions about where to find resources related to child sexual abuse.

Children's Advocacy Centers of Minnesota:

Find the CAC in your country here:

<https://www.nationalchildrensalliance.org/nca-members/advanced/?state=MN&city=&organization=&search=search>

MANDATED REPORTING

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<https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/manda.pdf>

PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT

Ann. Stat § 626.556, Subd.3

Mandatory reporters include the following:

- A professional or professional's delegate who is engaged in the practice of the healing arts, hospital administration, psychological or psychiatric treatment, childcare, education, social services, correctional supervision, probation or correctional services, or law enforcement
- A member of the clergy who received the information while engaged in ministerial duties

REPORTING BY OTHER PERSONS

Ann. Stat § 626.556, Subd.3

Any person may voluntarily report to the local welfare agency, agency responsible for assessing or investigating the report, police department, county sheriff, Tribal social services agency, or Tribal police department if the person knows, has reason to believe, or suspects a child is being or has been neglected or subjected to physical or sexual abuse.

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT

Ann. Stat § 626.556, Subd.3(c)

A person mandated to report physical or sexual child abuse or neglect occurring within a licensed facility shall report the information to the agency responsible for licensing the facility or a nonlicensed personal care provider organization. A health or corrections agency receiving a report may request the local child welfare agency to provide assistance. A board or other entity whose licensees perform work within a school facility, upon receiving a complaint of alleged maltreatment, shall provide information about the circumstances of the alleged maltreatment to the commissioner of education.

STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

Ann. Stat § 626.556, Subd.3

A report is required when a reporter knows or has reason to believe that a child is being neglected or sexually or physically abused or has been neglected or physically or sexually abused within the preceding 3 years.

HOW TO REPORT IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

If the child is at immediate risk of harm, please contact your local law enforcement agency or dial 911.

For info on Darkness to Light's mandated reporter training visit:

<https://www.d2l.org/education/additional-training/child-abuse-neglect/>

MINNESOTA REPORTING LAWS CONT:

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

Ann. Stat § 626.556, Subd.3 & 8

A member of the clergy is not required by this subdivision to report information that is otherwise privileged under § 595.02, subdivision 1, paragraph (c).

No evidence relating to the neglect or abuse of a child, or to any prior incidents of neglect or abuse involving any of the same persons accused of neglect or abuse, shall be excluded in any proceeding on the grounds of privilege set forth in § 595.02, subdivision 1, paragraph (a) (husband-wife), (d) (medical practitioner-patient), or (g) (mental health professional-client).

INCLUSION OF REPORTER'S NAME IN REPORT

Ann. Stat § 626.556, Subd. 7

The written report from a mandatory reporter must include the name and address of the reporter.

DISCLOSURE OF REPORTER IDENTITY

Ann. Stat § 626.556, Subd.11

Any person conducting an investigation or assessment under this section who intentionally discloses the identity of a reporter prior to the completion of the investigation or assessment is guilty of a misdemeanor. After the assessment or investigation is completed, the name of the reporter shall be confidential. The subject of the report may compel disclosure of the name of the reporter only with the consent of the reporter or upon a written finding by the court that the report was false and that there is evidence that the report was made in bad faith.