

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

California

CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

Find your county's emergency response child abuse reporting number here:

<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/Reporting/Report-Abuse/Child-Protective-Services/Report-Child-Abuse>

OR Contact the 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

TEACH Crisis Helpline (24 Hour)	855-855-6745
United Way Crisis Helpline	211
Childhelp: USA National Child Abuse Hotline	1-800-4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453)
Darkness to Light Helpline	1-866- FOR-LIGHT (1-866-367-5444)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Legal Help

CA State Bar	213-765-1000
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Victim Advocacy

Peace for Families	530-832-6224
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RESOURCES FOR HEALING

Treatment Providers

CA Department of Mental Health	916-322-7445
South Bay Community Services	619-420-3620
Child Haven	707-425-5744

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

TEACH Inc	530-233-4575
Alliance Against Family Violence & Sexual Assault	661-322-0931

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 (1-888-773-8368)

THERE ARE SEVERAL CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Feel free to call the center with any questions about where to find resources related to child sexual abuse. Contact the nearest CAC to set up an interview if abuse is reported:

Arizona Child & Family Advocacy Network
510-895-0702

Find the CAC in your county here: <http://cacc-online.org/find-a-center/>

The Children's Advocacy Center
626-331-6700
1650 E. Old Badillo Street #C3
Covina, CA 91724

MANDATED REPORTING

California

STATE REPORTING LAWS

https://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws_policies/statutes/manda.cfm

PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT

Penal Code § 11165.7

Mandated reporters include the following:

- Teachers, teacher's aides, administrators, and employees of public or private schools; administrators or employees of day camps, youth centers, or youth recreation programs; administrators or employees of licensed community care or child daycare facilities; Head Start program teachers; employees or administrators of public or private postsecondary institutions
- Public assistance workers; foster parents, group home personnel, and personnel of residential care facilities; social workers, probation officers, and parole officers; child visitation monitors
- Employees of school district police or security departments
- District attorney investigators, inspectors, or local child support agency caseworkers; employees or volunteers of a Court-Appointed Special Advocate program
- Physicians, surgeons, psychiatrists, psychologists, alcohol and drug counselors, dentists, residents, interns, podiatrists, chiropractors, licensed nurses, dental hygienists, optometrists, marriage and family therapists, or social workers; state or county public health employees who treat minors for venereal diseases or other conditions; coroners and medical examiners
- Commercial film and photographic print or image processors; computer technicians
- Animal control or humane society officers
- Clergy members and custodians of records of clergy members
- Employees of police departments, county sheriff's departments, county probation departments, or county welfare departments; peace officers and firefighters, except for volunteer firefighters
- Athletic coaches, athletic administrators, or athletic directors employed by any public or private schools; athletic coaches, including, but not limited to, assistant coaches or graduate assistants involved in coaching at public or private postsecondary

STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

Penal Code §§ 11166; 11165.7

A report is required when:

- A mandated reporter, in his or her professional capacity or within the scope of his or her employment, has knowledge of or observes a child whom the reporter knows or reasonably suspects is the victim of abuse or neglect.
- Commercial film and photographic print processors have knowledge of or observe any film, photograph, videotape, negative, or slide depicting a child under age 16 engaged in an act of sexual conduct.
- Commercial computer technicians have knowledge of or observe, within the scope of their professional capacity or employment, any representation of information, data, or an image, including, but not limited to, any computer hardware, software, file, floppy disk, data storage medium, CD-ROM, computer-generated equipment, or computer-generated image, that is retrievable in perceivable form and that is intentionally saved, transmitted, or organized on an electronic medium, depicting a child under age 16 engaged in an act of sexual conduct.

HOW TO REPORT IN CALIFORNIA

If you suspect that a child has been, or is in danger of, abuse or neglect, contact the police or county sheriff, or the county Children's Protective Services 24-hour emergency response phone.

For mandated reporter training:
<http://mandatedreporterca.com/>

MANDATED REPORTING

STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT CONT:

For the purposes of this article, 'reasonable suspicion' means that it is objectively reasonable for a person to entertain a suspicion, based upon facts that could cause a reasonable person in a like position, drawing, when appropriate, on his or her training and experience, to suspect child abuse or neglect. 'Reasonable suspicion' does not require certainty that child abuse or neglect has occurred nor does it require a specific medical indication of child abuse or neglect; any 'reasonable suspicion' is sufficient. For the purposes of this article, the pregnancy of a minor does not, in and of itself, constitute a basis for a reasonable suspicion of sexual abuse.

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

Penal Code § 11166

The clergy-penitent privilege is permitted for penitential communications. This does not modify or limit a clergy member's duty to report known or suspected child abuse or neglect when the clergy member is acting in some other capacity that would otherwise make the clergy member a mandated reporter.

INCLUSION OF REPORTER'S NAME IN REPORT

Penal Code § 11167

Reports of mandated reporters shall include: the name, business address, and telephone number of the mandated reporter, and the capacity that makes the person a mandated reporter. Reports of other persons do not require the reporter's name.

DISCLOSURE OF REPORTER'S IDENTITY

Penal Code § 11167

The identity of the reporter shall be confidential and disclosed only:

- Among agencies receiving or investigating mandated reports
- To the prosecutor in a criminal prosecution or in an action initiated under § 602 of the Welfare and Institutions Code arising from alleged child abuse; to counsel appointed pursuant to § 317(c) of the Welfare and Institutions Code; to the county counsel or prosecutor in a proceeding under Part 4 (commencing with Section 7800) of Division 12 of the Family Code or § 300 of the Welfare and Institutions Code
- To a licensing agency when abuse or neglect in out-of-home care is reasonably suspected
- When the reporter waives confidentiality and by court order