

# COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD 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

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| Rape & Sexual Abuse Center                  | 612-825-4357                         |
| United Way Crisis Helpline (24 hour)        | 888-421-1266<br>211(after hours)     |
| Darkness to Light Helpline                  | 1-866- FOR-LIGHT<br>(1-866-367-5444) |
| Childhelp: USA National Child Abuse Hotline | 1-800-4-A-CHILD<br>(1-800-422-4453)  |

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

#### Legal Help

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| St Louis County Victim Witness Program-Juveniles              | 218-726-2034 |
| Victim Services Division<br>Hennepin County Attorney's Office | 612-348-4003 |

#### Victim Advocacy

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| 360 Communities                   | 952- 985-4076 |
| Lakes Crisis & Resource Center    | 218- 847-7446 |
| Tri-County Victim Witness Program | 320-269-3095  |
| Olmsted County Victim Services    | 507-285-8513  |

### RESOURCES FOR HEALING

#### Treatment Providers

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| Sexual Violence Center | 612-871-5100 |
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#### Support groups for survivors and for parents and families of children who have been abused

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| Someplace Safe                | 218- 739-3486 |
| Violence Intervention Project | 218-681-5557  |

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

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| <a href="http://www.darkness2light.org">www.darkness2light.org</a> | 1-843-965-5444                    |
| <a href="http://www.trauma-pages.com">www.trauma-pages.com</a>     |                                   |
| <a href="http://www.stopitnow.com">www.stopitnow.com</a>           | 1-888-PREVENT<br>(1-888-773-8368) |

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

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:

**Children's Advocacy Centers of  
Minnesota**

Visit  
[minnesota.nationalchildrensalliance.org](http://minnesota.nationalchildrensalliance.org)  
to find the CAC in  
your county

# MANDATED REPORTING

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### MINNESOTA STATE REPORTING LAWS

[https://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws\\_policies/statutes/manda.cfm](https://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws_policies/statutes/manda.cfm)

### PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT

*Ann. Stat. § 626.556, Subd. 3*

Mandatory reporters include:

- A professional or professional's delegate who is engaged in the practice of the healing arts, hospital administration, psychological or psychiatric treatment, child care, 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 other person may voluntarily report if the person knows, has reason to believe, or suspects that a child is being neglected or subjected to sexual or physical 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.

### 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*

The name of the reporter shall be kept confidential while the report is under investigation. After the investigation is complete, the subject of the report may compel disclosure of the name only upon the reporter's consent or a finding by the court that the report was false and made in bad faith.

### HOW TO REPORT IN MINNESOTA

To report suspected child abuse or neglect, contact your county or tribal social services agency or the police.

#### For mandated reporter training:

<http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/media/flash/Training%20module%20on%20guidelines%20for%20mandated%20reporting/launch.htm>