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
Rape & Sexual Abuse Center 612-825-4357
United Way Crisis Helpline (24 hour) 888-421-1266
1-866- FOR-LIGHT (1-866-367-5444)
Childhelp: USA National Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
Legal Help
St Louis County Victim Witness Program-Juveniles 218-726-2034
Victim Services Division 612-348-4003
Hennepin County Attorney’s Office

Victim Advocacy
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
Sexual Violence Center 612-871-5100

Support groups for survivors and for parents and families of children who have been abused
Someplace Safe 218-739-3486
Violence Intervention Project 218-681-5557

WEBSITES FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND/OR TRAUMA
www.darkness2light.org 1-843-965-5444
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%20mandated%20reporting/launch.htm

MINNESOTA STATE REPORTING LAWS
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.