

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

DELAWARE

CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

Contact the Delaware Dept. of Children & Family Services at **1-800-292-9582** 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

Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline (24 hour)	1-800-292-9582
United Way Crisis Helpline (24 hour)	888-421-1266 211(after hours)
Darkness to Light Helpline	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

DE State Bar	302-658-5279
Community Legal Aid Society (CLASI)	302-575-0660

Victim Advocacy

Office of the Child Advocate	302-255-1730
Sexual Assault Network of Delaware	302-761-9800

RESOURCES FOR HEALING

Treatment Providers

DE Dept of Mental Health-Division of Child Mental Health	302-633-2600
Survivors of Abuse in Recovery(SOAR)	302-655-3953

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

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

www.darkness2light.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 DELAWARE.

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:

The Children's Advocacy
Center of Delaware
Visit

<http://www.cacofde.org/directions.html> for the CAC near you
New Castle County
302-651-4566
Kent County- 302-741-2123
Sussex County- 302-854-0323

MANDATED REPORTING

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DELAWARE STATE REPORTING LAWS

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

PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT

Ann. Code Tit. 16, § 903

Any person, agency, organization, or entity that knows or in good faith suspects child abuse or neglect shall make a report. For purposes of this section, 'person' shall include, but not be limited to:

- Physicians, interns, residents, nurses, or medical examiners
- Other persons in the healing arts, including persons licensed to render services in medicine, osteopathy, or dentistry
- School employees, social workers, or psychologists
- Hospitals or health-care institutions
- The Medical Society of Delaware
- Law enforcement agencies

REPORTING BY OTHER PERSONS

Ann. Code Tit. 16, § 903

Any person who knows or in good faith suspects child abuse or neglect shall make a report.

STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

Ann. Code Tit. 16, § 903

A report is required when the reporter knows or in good faith suspects child abuse or neglect.

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

Ann. Code Tit. 16, § 909

Only attorney-client and clergy-penitent privileges are recognized.

INCLUSION OF REPORTER'S NAME IN REPORT

Ann. Code Tit. 16, § 905

Although reports may be made anonymously, the Division of Family Services shall request the name and address of any person making a report.

HOW TO REPORT IN DELAWARE

If you suspect child neglect, child abuse, or child sexual abuse contact the law enforcement agency in your area or **800-292-9582** to make a report.

For mandated reporter training:
<http://ocade.server.tracorp.com/>