

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

IOWA

CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

Contact the Iowa Dept. of Child Protective Services at **1-800-362-2178** 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

Iowa's Sexual Abuse Hotline	1-800-362-2178
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

Iowa State Bar 1-800-457-3729

Victim Advocacy

IA Attorney General's Office Crime
Victim Assistance Division 1-800-373-5044

RESOURCES FOR HEALING

Treatment Providers

IA. Department of Mental Health 515-281-7277

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

Call Sexual Assault Hotline 1-800-656-4673
for current group listings in your area

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 IOWA.

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:

Iowa Chapter of Children's Advocacy Centers

505 Fifth Ave, Suite 1001
Des Moines, IA 50309
515-401-9897

Visit

<http://www.iowacacs.org/about/>
to find the center in your
county.

Mercy Sioux City Child Advocacy Center

801 Fifth Street
Sioux City, IA 51102
1-800-582-0684

MANDATED REPORTING

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IOWA STATE REPORTING LAWS

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

PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT

Ann. Stat. §§ 232.69; 728.14

The following persons are required to report:

- Health practitioners
- Social workers or psychologists
- School employees, certified paraeducators, coaches, or instructors employed by community colleges
- Employees or operators of health-care facilities, child care centers, Head Start programs, family development and self-sufficiency grant programs, substance abuse programs or facilities, juvenile detention or juvenile shelter care facilities, foster care facilities, or mental health centers
- Employees of Department of Human Services institutions
- Peace officers, counselors, or mental health professionals
- Commercial film and photographic print processors

REPORTING BY OTHER PERSONS

Ann. Stat. § 232.69

Any other person who believes that a child has been abused may report.

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT

Ann. Stat. § 232.70

The employer or supervisor of a person who is a mandatory or permissive reporter shall not apply a policy, work rule, or other requirement that interferes with the person making a report of child abuse.

STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

Ann. Stat. §§ 232.69; 728.14

A report is required when:

- A reporter, in the scope of his or her professional practice or employment responsibilities, reasonably believes that a child has been abused.
- A commercial film and photographic print processor has knowledge of or observes a visual depiction of a minor engaged in a prohibited sexual act or in the simulation of a prohibited sexual act.

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

Ann. Stat. § 232.74

The husband-wife or health practitioner-patient privilege does not apply to evidence regarding abuse to a child.

INCLUSION OF REPORTER'S NAME IN REPORT

Ann. Stat. § 232.70

The report shall contain the name and address of the person making the report.

DISCLOSURE OF REPORTER IDENTITY

Ann. Stat. § 232.71B

The department shall not reveal the identity of the reporter to the subject of the report.

HOW TO REPORT IN IOWA

If you believe the child is in imminent danger, call 911 immediately.

Call the Abuse Hotline at
1-800-362-2178

To access mandated
reporter training:

<https://www.atrainceu.com/course/iowa-child-abuse-a-guide-for-mandatory-reporters-126>