

# COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

## ILLINOIS

### CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

Contact the Illinois Dept. of Children & Family Service at **800-25-ABUSE(22873)** 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

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

IL State Bar 1-800-252-8908

#### Victim Advocacy

Rape Victim Advocates 312-443-9603  
State Guardian ad Litem Program 1-866-274-8023

### RESOURCES FOR HEALING

#### Treatment Providers

IL. Department of Mental Health 1-800-843-6154

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

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

Child Support Services 1-800-447-4278

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

[www.darkness2light.org](http://www.darkness2light.org) 1-843-965-5444

[www.trauma-pages.com](http://www.trauma-pages.com)

[www.stopitnow.com](http://www.stopitnow.com) 1-888-PREVENT  
(1-888-773-8368)

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

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 Illinois

1133 S. Second Street  
Springfield, IL 62704  
217-528-2224

#### Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault

100 North 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
217-753-4117

# MANDATED REPORTING

## ILLINOIS

### ILLINOIS 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

*Comp. Stat. Ch. 325, § 5/4; Ch. 720, § 5/11-20.2*

The following persons are required to report:

- Physicians, residents, interns, hospital administrators and personnel, surgeons, dentists, dental hygienists, osteopaths, chiropractors, podiatric physicians, physician assistants, or substance abuse treatment personnel; nurses, genetic counselors, respiratory care practitioners, advanced practice nurses, or home health aides; emergency medical technicians, acupuncturists, or crisis line or hotline personnel
- Funeral home directors or employees, coroners, or medical examiners
- School personnel, including administrators and employees, educational advocates, or truant officers; personnel of institutions of higher education; members of a school board or the Chicago Board of Education; members of the governing body of a private school; Directors or staff assistants of nursery schools or child care centers, or recreational or athletic program or facility personnel
- Social workers, social services administrators, or domestic violence program personnel
- Early intervention providers, as defined in the Early Intervention Services System Act
- Law enforcement officers or probation officers
- Licensed professional counselors, psychologists, psychiatrists, or their assistants
- Field personnel of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, Juvenile Justice, Public Health, Human Services, Corrections, Human Rights, or Children and Family Services; supervisors and administrators of general assistance under the Illinois Public Aid Code
- Animal control officers or Department of Agriculture Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare field investigators
- Foster parents, homemakers, or child care workers
- Members of the clergy
- Commercial film and photographic print processors or computer technicians

### INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT

*Comp. Stat. Ch. 325, § 5/4*

Whenever such person is required to report in his or her capacity as a member of the staff of a medical or other public or private institution, school, facility, or agency, or as a member of the clergy, he or she shall make a report immediately to the Department of Children and Family Services and also may notify the person in charge of such institution, school, facility, or agency, or church, synagogue, temple, mosque, or other religious institution, or his or her designated agent that a report has been made. Under no circumstances shall any person in charge of such institution, school, facility, or agency, or church, synagogue, temple, mosque, or other religious institution, or his or her designated agent to whom such notification has been made, exercise any control, restraint, modification, or other change in the report or the forwarding of the report to the department.

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### HOW TO REPORT IN ILLINOIS

To report abuse or neglect call the Child Abuse Hotline (800) 25-ABUSE (1-800-252-2873).

#### For mandated reporter training:

<https://www.dcfstraining.org/vtc/home/home.action>

# MANDATED REPORTING

## STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

*Comp. Stat. Ch. 325, § 5/4; Ch. 720, § 5/11-20.2*

A report is required when:

- A reporter has reasonable cause to believe that a child known to him or her in his or her professional capacity may be abused or neglected.
- A physician, physician's assistant, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, medical technician, certified nursing assistant, social worker, or licensed professional counselor of any office, clinic, or any other physical location that provides abortions, abortion referrals, or contraceptives has reasonable cause to believe a child known to him or her in his or her professional or official capacity may be an abused child or a neglected child.
- Commercial film and photographic print processors or computer technicians have knowledge of or observe any film, photograph, videotape, negative, slide, computer hard drive, or any other magnetic or optical media that depicts a child engaged in any actual or simulated sexual conduct.

## PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

*Comp. Stat. Ch. 325, § 5/4; Ch. 735, § 5/8-803*

The privileged quality of communication between any professional person required to report and his or her patient or client shall not apply to situations involving abused or neglected children and shall not constitute grounds for failure to report. A member of the clergy shall not be compelled to disclose a confession or admission made to him or her as part of the discipline of the religion. The reporting requirements shall not apply to the contents of a privileged communication between an attorney and his or her client or to confidential information within the meaning of Rule 1.6 of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct relating to the legal representation of an individual client.

## INCLUSION OF REPORTER'S NAME IN REPORT

*Comp. Stat. Ch. 325, § 5/7.9*

The report shall include the name, occupation, and contact information of the person making the report.

## DISCLOSURE OF REPORTER IDENTITY

*Comp. Stat. Ch. 325, § 5/11.1a*

Any disclosure of information shall not identify the person making the report.