

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

KENTUCKY

CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

Contact the Kentucky Child Safety Branch at **800-752-6200** 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 Protection Hotline	1-877-KYSAFE1(597-2331)
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

KY State Bar 502-564-3795

Victim Advocacy

Child Sexual Abuse & Exploitation Prevention Board
Advocacy & Support Center 502-696-5312
270-234-9236

RESOURCES FOR HEALING

Treatment Providers

KY Dept of Mental Health 502-564-4527

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

Family Nurturing Center 859-525-3200

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 KENTUCKY.

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:

**Kentucky Association of
Children's Advocacy Centers,
Inc.**

649 Charity Ct Suite 12
Frankfort, KY 40604
502-223-5117

Visit

[http://www.kacac.org/KACAC.
ORG/Local_CACs.html](http://www.kacac.org/KACAC.ORG/Local_CACs.html) for a
CAC near you

Hope Place CAC

1100 Greenup Ave
Ashland, KY 41101
606-325-4737

MANDATED REPORTING

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KENTUCKY STATE REPORTING LAWS

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

PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT

Rev. Stat. § 620.030

All persons are required to report, including, but not limited to:

- Physicians, osteopathic physicians, nurses, coroners, medical examiners, residents, interns, chiropractors, dentists, optometrists, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, or health professionals
- Teachers, school personnel, or child care personnel
- Social workers or mental health professionals
- Peace officers

REPORTING BY OTHER PERSONS

Rev. Stat. § 620.030

Any person who knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a child is dependent, neglected, or abused shall immediately report. Any person who knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a child is a victim of human trafficking as defined in § 529.010 immediately shall cause an oral or written report to be made to a local law enforcement agency or the State police, the cabinet or its designated representative, or the Commonwealth's attorney or the county attorney by telephone or otherwise. This subsection shall apply regardless of whether the person believed to have caused the human trafficking of the child is a parent, guardian, or person exercising custodial control or supervision.

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT

Rev. Stat. § 620.030(1)

Any supervisor who receives from an employee a report of suspected dependency, neglect, or abuse shall promptly make a report to the proper authorities for investigation. Nothing in this section shall relieve individuals of their obligations to report.

STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

Rev. Stat. § 620.030

A report is required when a person knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a child is dependent, neglected, or abused.

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

Rev. Stat. § 620.030(3)

Neither the husband-wife nor any professional-client/patient privilege, except the attorney-client and clergy-penitent privilege, shall be a ground for refusing to report.

INCLUSION OF REPORTER'S NAME IN REPORT

The reporter is not specifically required by statute to provide his or her name in the report.

DISCLOSURE OF REPORTER IDENTITY

Rev. Stat. § 620.050

The identity of the reporter shall not be disclosed except:

- To law enforcement officials, the agency investigating or assessing the report, or to a multidisciplinary team
- Under court order, after a court has found reason to believe the reporter knowingly made a false report
- To the external child fatality and near fatality review panel established by § 620.055

HOW TO REPORT IN KENTUCKY

You can make a report to any of the following:

- Statewide Abuse Reporting Hotline, 1-877-KYSAFE1 or 1-877-597-2331
- Cabinet for Health & Family Services, Division of Protection & Permanency (local office or regional intake)
- Kentucky State Police or any local law enforcement agency
- Local Commonwealth's Attorney or County Attorney