

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

MICHIGAN

CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

Contact the Michigan Government: Child Protective Services at **855-444-3911** 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

Michigan Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline	855-444-3911
Trident 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

Our State Bar	517-346-6300
Washtenaw County Prosecuting Attorney's Office	734-222-6620

Victim Advocacy

M.I.N.D.S (Moving in New Directions)	313-883-3300
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RESOURCES FOR HEALING

Treatment Providers

Michigan Department of Community Health	517-373-3740
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Support groups for survivors and for parents and families of children who have been abused

Michigan State University Support for Adult Survivors Call Sexual Assault Hotline for current group listings in your area	1-800-656-4673
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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 MICHIGAN.

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:

**Michigan Chapter of National
Children's Alliance**
888-936-3349

Visit

[http://www.mivoice4kids.org/
Default.aspx?pageId=599374](http://www.mivoice4kids.org/Default.aspx?pageId=599374)
to find the CAC near you

MANDATED REPORTING

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MICHIGAN STATE REPORTING LAWS

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

PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT

Comp. Laws § 722.623

Mandatory reporters include:

- Physicians, physician assistants, dentists, dental hygienists, medical examiners, nurses, persons licensed to provide emergency medical care, or audiologists
- School administrators, counselors, or teachers
- Regulated child care providers
- Psychologists, marriage and family therapists, licensed professional counselors, social workers, or social work technicians
- Persons employed in a professional capacity in any office of the friend of the court
- Law enforcement officers
- Members of the clergy
- Department employees, including eligibility specialists, family independence managers, family independence specialists, social services specialists, social work specialists, social work specialist managers, or welfare services specialists
- Any employee of an organization or entity that, as a result of Federal funding statutes, regulations, or contracts, would be prohibited from reporting in the absence of a State mandate or court order

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT

Comp. Laws § 722.623

If the reporting person is a member of the staff of a hospital, agency, or school, the reporting person shall notify the person in charge of the hospital, agency, or school of his or her finding and that the report has been made, and shall make a copy of the written report available to the person in charge. A notification to the person in charge of a hospital, agency, or school does not relieve the member of the staff of the hospital, agency, or school of the obligation of reporting to the department as required by this section. One report from a hospital, agency, or school is adequate to meet the reporting requirement. A member of the staff of a hospital, agency, or school shall not be dismissed or otherwise penalized for making a report required by this act or for cooperating in an investigation.

STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

Comp. Laws § 722.623

A report is required when a reporter has reasonable cause to suspect child abuse or neglect.

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

Comp. Laws § 722.631

Only the attorney-client or clergy-penitent privilege can be grounds for not reporting.

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

Comp. Laws §§ 722,625; 722.627

The identity of a reporting person is confidential and subject to disclosure only with the consent of that person or by judicial process. The identity of the reporter is protected in any release of information to the subject of the report.

HOW TO REPORT IN MICHIGAN

The Child Protection Law requires mandated reporters to make an immediate verbal report to DHS upon suspecting child abuse and neglect, followed by a written report within 72 hours.

Contact the CPS Centralized Intake for Abuse & Neglect at 1-855-444-3911 to make the verbal report. DHS encourages the use of Report of Suspected or Actual Child Abuse or Neglect (DHS-3200) form, which includes all the information required under the law.

For a copy of the DHS-3200: www.michigan.gov/mandatedreporter under Resources.