

# COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

## MISSOURI

### CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

Contact the Missouri Dept. of Children Protective Services at **1-800-392-3738** 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

Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Abuse(MOCSA) 24-hour Crisis Line	816-531-0233
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

MO State Bar 573-635-4128

#### Victim Advocacy

CAP4Kids (Child Advocacy Project) 816-842-2272

Missouri Kids First 573-632-4600

### RESOURCES FOR HEALING

#### Treatment Providers

MO Department of Mental Health 1-800-364-9687

Mattie Rhodes Center 816-471-2536

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

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

MOSCA 816-931-4527

### 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 MISSOURI.

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 Child Advocacy Center, INC

1033 E. Walnut  
Springfield, MO 65806  
417-831-2327

#### Children's Center

Visit <http://www.childrens-center.org/locations/> to find a location near you

# MANDATED REPORTING

## MISSOURI

### MISSOURI 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

*Rev. Stat. §§ 210.115; 352.400; 568.110*

Professionals required to report include:

- Physicians, medical examiners, coroners, dentists, chiropractors, optometrists, podiatrists, residents, interns, nurses, hospital and clinic personnel, or other health practitioners
- Daycare center workers or other child care workers, teachers, principals, or other school officials
- Psychologists, mental health professionals, or social workers
- Ministers, including clergypersons, priests, rabbis, Christian Science practitioners, or other persons serving in a similar capacity for any religious organization
- Juvenile officers, probation or parole officers, peace officers, law enforcement officials, or jail or detention center personnel
- Other persons with responsibility for the care of children
- Commercial film and photographic print processors; computer providers, installers, or repair persons; or Internet service providers

### REPORTING BY OTHER PERSONS

*Rev. Stat. § 210.115*

Any other person who has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect may report.

### INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT

*Rev. Stat. § 210.115*

If two or more members of a medical institution who are required to report jointly have knowledge of a known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect, a single report may be made by a designated member of that medical team. Any member who has knowledge that the member designated to report has failed to do so shall thereafter immediately make the report. Nothing in this section, however, is meant to preclude any person from reporting abuse or neglect. The reporting requirements under this section are individual, and no supervisor or administrator may impede or inhibit any reporting under this section. No person making a report shall be subject to any sanction, including any adverse employment action, for making such report. Every employer shall ensure that any employee required to report has immediate and unrestricted access to the communications technology necessary to make an immediate report and is temporarily relieved of other work duties for such time as is required to make any report required by this section.

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### HOW TO REPORT IN MISSOURI

Call **1-800-392-3738**, the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline Operated by the Missouri Department of Social Services.

#### To register for mandated reporter training:

<http://www.commpartnership.org/what-we-do/by-division/early-childhood-family-development/mandated-reporter-training/>

# MANDATED REPORTING

## STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

*Rev. Stat. §§ 210.115; 568.110*

A report is required when:

- A reporter has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect.
- A reporter observes a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances that would reasonably result in abuse or neglect.
- A commercial film and photographic print processor has knowledge of or observes any film, photograph, videotape, negative, slide, or computer-generated image or picture depicting a child engaged in an act of sexual conduct.

## PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

*Rev. Stat. § 210.140*

Only the attorney-client or clergy-penitent privilege may be grounds for failure to report.

## INCLUSION OF REPORTER'S NAME IN REPORT

*Rev. Stat. § 210.130*

The report must include the name, address, occupation, and contact information for the person making the report.

## DISCLOSURE OF REPORTER IDENTITY

*Rev. Stat. § 210.150*

The names or other identifying information of reporters shall not be furnished to any child, parent, guardian, or alleged perpetrator named in the report.