

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

NORTH DAKOTA

CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

Contact the North Dakota Department of Children and Family Services at **701-328-2316** 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

To find the hotline to report child abuse in your county visit <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/countysocialserv/index.html>

Abused Adult Resource Center 24 Hour Crisis Line	1-866-341-7009
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

ND State Bar 701-255-1404

Victim Advocacy

Safe Alternatives for Abused Families 701-662-7378
Rape & Abuse Crisis Center 701-293-7273

RESOURCES FOR HEALING

Treatment Providers

ND Department of Mental Health 701-328-2310

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

Abused Adult Resource Center 701-222-8370
Safe Alternatives for Abused Families 701-662-7378

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 NORTH DAKOTA.

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:

Sanford Health Dakota Children's Advocacy Center
200 E. Main Ave. #301
Bismarck, ND 58501
701-323-5626

Red River Children's Advocacy Center
100 S. 4th St #302
Fargo, ND 58103
701-234-4583

MANDATED REPORTING

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NORTH DAKOTA STATE REPORTING LAWS

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

PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT

Cent. Code § 50-25.1-03

The following professionals are required to report:

- Physicians, nurses, dentists, dental hygienists, optometrists, medical examiners or coroners, or any other medical or mental health professionals
- Religious practitioners of the healing arts
- Schoolteachers, administrators, or school counselors
- Addiction counselors, social workers, child care workers, or foster parents
- Police or law enforcement officers, juvenile court personnel, probation officers, division of juvenile services employees
- Members of the clergy

REPORTING BY OTHER PERSONS

Cent. Code § 50-25.1-03

Any other person who has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused or neglected may report.

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT

Cent. Code §§ 50-25.1-04; 50-25.1-09.1

Reports involving known or suspected institutional child abuse or neglect must be made and received in the same manner as all other reports made under this chapter. An employer is prohibited from retaliating against an employee solely because the employee in good faith reported having reasonable cause to suspect that a child was abused or neglected, or died as a result of abuse or neglect, or because the employee is a child with respect to whom a report was made. There is a rebuttable presumption that any adverse action within 90 days of a report is retaliatory. For purposes of this subsection, an 'adverse action' is action taken by an employer against the person making the report or the child with respect to whom a report was made, including:

- Discharge, suspension, termination, or transfer from any facility, institution, school, agency, or other place of employment
- Discharge from or termination of employment
- Demotion or reduction in remuneration for services
- Restriction or prohibition of access to any facility, institution, school, agency, or other place of employment or persons affiliated with it

STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

Cent. Code § 50-25.1-03

A report is required when a reporter has knowledge of or reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused or neglected if the knowledge or suspicion is derived from information received by that person in that person's official or professional capacity. A person who has knowledge of or reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused or neglected based on images of sexual conduct by a child discovered on a workplace computer shall report the circumstances to the department.

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

Cent. Code §§ 50-25.1-03; 50-25.1-10

A member of the clergy is not required to report such circumstances if the knowledge or suspicion is derived from information received in the capacity of spiritual adviser. Any privilege of communication between husband and wife or between any professional person and the person's patient or client, except between attorney and client, cannot be used as grounds for failing 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

Cent. Code § 50-25.1-11

All reports are confidential and must be made available to a parent, the child's guardian, and any person who is the subject of a report; provided, however, that the identity of persons reporting or supplying information is protected.

HOW TO REPORT IN NORTH DAKOTA

All persons mandated or permitted to report cases of known or suspected child abuse or neglect shall immediately cause oral or written reports to be made to the department or the department's designee. Oral reports must be followed by written reports within forty-eight hours if so requested by the department or the department's designee.

For mandated reporter training:

<http://www.stopchildabusend.com/NDDHS/mandatedreportertraining/>