

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

NEW HAMPSHIRE

CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

Contact the New Hampshire Bureau of Child Protection at **800-894-5533** 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

Sexual Assault Hotline (24 hour)	1-800-277-5570
Sexual Assault Support Services (24 hour)	888-747-7070
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

NH State Bar 603-224-6942

Victim Advocacy

New Beginnings 603-528-6511
WISE 603-448-5922

RESOURCES FOR HEALING

Treatment Providers

NH Department of Mental Health 603-271-4517
Genesis Behavioral Health 603-524-1100

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

Sexual Assault Support Services 603-436-4107
Turning Points Networks 603-543-0155
Bridges 603-889-0858

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 NEW HAMPSHIRE.

New Hampshire's Network of Child Advocacy Centers

Visit <http://cac-nh.org/centers/programs/> to
find the CAC near you

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MANDATED REPORTING

NEW HAMPSHIRE

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE REPORTING LAWS

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

PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT

Rev. Stat. § 169-C:29

The following professionals are required to report:

- Physicians, surgeons, county medical examiners, psychiatrists, residents, interns, dentists, osteopaths, optometrists, chiropractors, nurses, hospital personnel, or Christian Science practitioners
- Teachers, school officials, nurses, or counselors
- Daycare workers or any other child or foster care workers
- Social workers
- Psychologists or therapists
- Priests, ministers, or rabbis
- Law enforcement officials

REPORTING BY OTHER PERSONS

Rev. Stat. § 169-C:29

All other persons who have reason to suspect that a child has been abused or neglected must report.

STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

Rev. Stat. § 169-C:29

A report is required when a person has reason to suspect that a child has been abused or neglected.

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

Rev. Stat. § 169-C:32

Only the attorney-client privilege is permitted.

INCLUSION OF REPORTER'S NAME IN REPORT

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

HOW TO REPORT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

If a child tells you that he or she has been hurt or you are concerned that a child may be the victim of abuse, you must call the Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF)

Central Intake Unit at:

Telephone: (800) 894-5533
8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
Monday - Friday

Call your local police department with urgent child abuse or neglect reports during DCYF non-work hours (between 4:30 PM and 8:00 AM or on weekends and holidays).