

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

RHODE ISLAND

CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

Contact the Rhode Island Dept. Child Protective Services at **1-800-742-4453** 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

The Child Abuse Hotline (24 hour)	1-800-RI-CHILD (1-800-742-4453)
Victims of Crime Helpline (24 hour)	1-800-494-8100
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

RI State Bar 401-421-5740

Victim Advocacy

Day One 401-421-4100
St. Mary's Home for Children 401-353-3900
RI Office of Child Advocate 401-462-1300

RESOURCES FOR HEALING

Treatment Providers

RI Department of Mental Health 401-462-2339
Gateway Health 401-729-8701

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

Day One 401-421-4100

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 RHODE ISLAND.

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:

**Day One Child Advocacy
Center**
100 Medway St.
Providence, RI 02906
401-421-4100

MANDATED REPORTING

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RHODE ISLAND STATE REPORTING LAWS

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

REPORTING BY OTHER PERSONS

Gen. Laws § 40-11-3(a)

Any person who has reasonable cause to know or suspect that a child has been abused or neglected must report.

STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

Gen. Laws §§ 40-11-3(a); 40-11-6

A report is required when:

- A person has reasonable cause to know or suspect that a child has been abused or neglected.
- A physician or nurse practitioner has cause to suspect that a child brought to them for treatment is an abused or neglected child, or he or she determines that a child under age 12 is suffering from any sexually transmitted disease.

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

Gen. Laws § 40-11-11

The privileged quality of communication between husband and wife and any professional person and his or her patient or client, except that between attorney and client, shall not constitute grounds for failure 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.

HOW TO REPORT IN RHODE ISLAND

Call the Hotline at 1-800-RI-CHILD (1-800-742-4453) to report child abuse and/or neglect