

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

VERMONT

CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

Contact the Vermont Dept. of Children & Family Service at **800-649-5285** 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

Child Protection Hotline (24 hour)	1-800-649-5285
United Way Crisis Helpline (24 hour)	888-421-1266 211(after hours)
Sexual Assault Crisis Team (24 hour)	802-479-5577
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

VT State Bar	802-223-2020
Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations Children's Advocacy	802-652-0391

Victim Advocacy

VT Center for Crime Victim Services	1-800-750-1213
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RESOURCES FOR HEALING

Treatment Providers

VT Department of Mental Health	802-828-3824
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Support groups for survivors and for parents and families of children who have been abused

Safeline	1-800-639-7233
AWARE	802-472-6463

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 VERMONT.

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 Family Place CAC

319 US RTE 5 South
Norwich, VT 05055
802-649-3268

Visit

<http://vermont.nationalchildrensalliance.org/index.php?s=2580> to find a CAC near you

MANDATED REPORTING

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VERMONT STATE REPORTING LAWS

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

PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT

Ann. Stat. Tit. 33, § 4913

Mandatory reporters include:

- Health-care providers, including physicians, surgeons, osteopaths, chiropractors, physician assistants, resident physicians or interns, hospital administrators, nurses, medical examiners, emergency medical personnel, dentists, psychologists, pharmacists
- Child care workers
- School superintendents, headmasters of approved or recognized independent schools, school teachers, student teachers, school librarians, school principals, or school guidance counselors
- Other individuals who are employed by a school district or an approved or recognized independent school or are contracted and paid by a school district or an approved or recognized independent school to provide student services
- Mental health professionals, social workers, or probation officers
- Employees, contractors, and grantees of the Agency of Human Services who have contact with clients
- Police officers and probation officers
- Camp owners, camp administrators, or camp counselors
- Members of the clergy

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT

Ann. Stat. Tit. 33, § 4913

An employer or supervisor shall not discharge; demote; transfer; reduce pay, benefits, or work privileges; prepare a negative work performance evaluation; or take any other action detrimental to any employee because that employee filed a good-faith report in accordance with the provisions of this subchapter. Any person making a report under this subchapter shall have a civil cause of action for appropriate compensatory and punitive damages against any person who causes detrimental changes in the employment status of the reporting party by reason of his or her making a report.

STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

Ann. Stat. Tit. 33, § 4913

A report is required when a mandated reporter reasonably suspects abuse or neglect of a child.

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

Ann. Stat. Tit. 33, § 4913

A person may not refuse to make a report required by this section on the grounds that making the report would violate a privilege or disclose a confidential communication, except that a member of the clergy is not required to report if the knowledge comes from a communication that is required to be kept confidential by religious doctrine.

INCLUSION OF REPORTER'S NAME IN REPORT

Ann. Stat. Tit. 33, § 4914

Reports shall contain the name and address or other contact information of the reporter.

DISCLOSURE OF REPORTER

Identity Ann. Stat. Tit. 33, § 4913

The name of and any identifying information about either the person making the report or any person mentioned in the report shall be confidential unless:

- The person making the report specifically allows disclosure.
- A Human Services Board proceeding or judicial proceeding results from the report.
- A court, after a hearing, finds probable cause to believe that the report was not made in good faith and orders the department to make the name of the reporter available.
- A review has been requested pursuant to § 4916a of this title, and the department has determined that identifying information can be provided without compromising the safety of the reporter or the persons mentioned in the report.

HOW TO REPORT IN VERMONT

Call 1-800-649-5285 — 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If the child is in immediate danger, dial 911 or your local police first.

Contact your local Family Services District Office to request mandated reporter training for your organization or group.