

# COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

## WASHINGTON

### CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

Contact your Washington child protection services at 1-866-363-4276 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 Abuse Hotline	1-866-ENDHARM (1-866-363-4276)
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

Clark County Attorneys Office Victim Assistance Unit	360-397-2008
Citizens Against Domestic and Sexual Abuse	360-678-9363

#### Victim Advocacy

Beyond Survival	360-533-9751
St. James Family Center	360-795-8612
Human Response Network	360-748-6601
The Support Center	509-826-3221

### RESOURCES FOR HEALING

#### Treatment Providers

Brigid Collins Family Support Center	360-734-4616
Quality Behavior Health Rogers Counseling Center	509-758-3341

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

WA Department of Mental Health for listings	1-877-301-4557
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### WEBSITES FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND/OR TRAUMA

<a href="http://www.darkness2light.org">www.darkness2light.org</a>	1-843-965-5444
<a href="http://www.trauma-pages.com">www.trauma-pages.com</a>	
<a href="http://www.stopitnow.com">www.stopitnow.com</a>	1-888-PREVENT (1-888-773-8368)

THERE ARE SEVERAL CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON.

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:

#### Children's Advocacy Centers of Washington

1800 Cooper Point Rd. SW #14  
Olympia, WA 98502  
360-753-3703  
<http://www.wsacac.org/www-cacwa-org>

# MANDATED REPORTING

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### WASHINGTON 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. Code § 26.44.030*

The following persons are required to report:

- Practitioners, county coroners, or medical examiners
- Law enforcement officers
- Professional school personnel; administrative and academic or athletic department employees, including student employees, of public and private institutions of higher education
- Registered or licensed nurses, social service counselors, psychologists, or pharmacists
- Employees of the Department of Early Learning
- Licensed or certified child care providers or their employees
- Employees of the Department of Social and Health Services
- Juvenile probation officers
- Placement and liaison specialists, responsible living skills program staff, or HOPE center staff
- State family and children's ombudsman or any volunteer in the ombudsman's office
- Persons who supervise employees or volunteers who train, educate, coach, or counsel children or have regular unsupervised access to children
- Department of Corrections personnel
- Any adult with whom a child resides
- Guardians ad litem and court-appointed special advocates

### STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

*Rev. Code § 26.44.030*

A report is required when:

- A reporter has reasonable cause to believe that a child has suffered abuse or neglect.
- Any person, in his or her official supervisory capacity with a nonprofit or for-profit organization, has reasonable cause to believe that a child has suffered abuse or neglect caused by a person over whom he or she regularly exercises supervisory authority.
- Department of Corrections personnel observe offenders or the children with whom the offenders are in contact, and as a result of these observations have reasonable cause to believe that a child has suffered abuse or neglect.
- Any adult has reasonable cause to believe that a child who resides with them has suffered severe abuse.

### PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

*Rev. Code §§ 26.44.030; 26.44.060*

No one shall be required to report when he or she obtains the information solely as a result of a privileged communication. Information considered privileged by statute and not directly related to reports required by this section must not be divulged without a valid written waiver of the privilege. Conduct conforming with reporting requirements shall not be deemed a violation of the confidential communication privilege of §§ 5.60.060 (3) and (4) [pertaining to clergy-penitent and physician-patient privilege], 18.53.200 [pertaining to optometrist-patient privilege], and 18.83.110 [pertaining to psychologist-client privilege].

### INCLUSION OF REPORTER'S NAME IN REPORT

*Rev. Code § 26.44.030*

The department shall make reasonable efforts to learn the name, address, and telephone number of the reporter.

### DISCLOSURE OF REPORTER IDENTITY

*Rev. Code § 26.44.03*

The department shall provide assurances of appropriate confidentiality of the identification of persons reporting under this section.

### HOW TO REPORT IN WASHINGTON

Call 1-866-ENDHARM (1-866-363-4276), Washington State's toll-free, 24 hour, 7 day-a-week hotline that will connect you directly to the appropriate local office to report suspected child abuse or neglect.