

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

WISCONSIN

CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

Contact the Wisconsin Government: Child Protective Services at **608-267-3905** 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 Crisis Center	920-733-8119
Trident 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)

Report Child Abuse & Neglect—visit <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/reportabuse> to find the agency nearest you.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Legal Help

WI State Bar 608-257-3838

Victim Advocacy

Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault 608-257-1516
WI Attorney's General Office of Crime Victim Services 1-800-446-6564

RESOURCES FOR HEALING

Treatment Providers

WI Dept. of Mental Health 608-266-1865
Kids Matter, INC. 414-344-1220
Violence Intervention Project 920-487-2111

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

Gunderson Lutheran-Sexual Abuse Counseling & Support 608-775-5950
Call Sexual Assault Hotline for current group listings in your area 1-800-656-4673

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 WISCONSIN.

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:

Child Advocacy Centers of Wisconsin visit <http://wisconsin.nationalchildrensalliance.org/index.php?s=2676> to find the CAC closest to you

MANDATED REPORTING

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WISCONSIN STATE REPORTING LAWS

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

PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT

Ann. Stat. § 48.981

The following professionals are required to report:

- Physicians, coroners, medical examiners, nurses, dentists, chiropractors, optometrists, acupuncturists, other medical or mental health professionals, physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, dietitians, occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, or emergency medical technicians
- Schoolteachers, administrators, or counselors
- School employees not otherwise specified above
- Child care workers in child care centers, group homes, or residential care centers, or child care providers
- Alcohol or other drug abuse counselors, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, or members of the treatment staff employed by or working under contract with a county department or a residential care center for children and youth
- Social workers, public assistance workers, first responders, police or law enforcement officers, mediators, or court-appointed special advocates
- Members of the clergy or a religious order, including brothers, ministers, monks, nuns, priests, rabbis, or sisters

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT

Ann. Stat. § 48.981

No person making a report in good faith may be discharged from employment, disciplined, or otherwise discriminated against in regard to employment or threatened with any such treatment for so doing.

STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

Ann. Stat. § 48.981

A report is required when:

- A reporter, in the course of his or her professional duties, has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been abused or neglected.
- A reporter, in the course of his or her professional duties, has reason to believe that a child has been threatened with abuse or neglect or that abuse or neglect will occur.

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

Ann. Stat. § 48.981

A member of the clergy is not required to report child abuse information that he or she receives solely through confidential communications made to him or her privately or in a confessional setting if he or she is authorized to hear or is accustomed to hearing such communications and, under the disciplines, tenets, or traditions of his or her religion, has a duty or is expected to keep those communications secret. Those disciplines, tenets, or traditions need not be in writing. A person delegated care and custody of a child under § 48.979, including a court-appointed special advocate, is not required to report any suspected or threatened abuse or neglect of the child. Such a person who has reason to suspect that the child has been abused or neglected or who has reason to believe that the child has been threatened with abuse or neglect and that the abuse or neglect of the child will occur may 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

Ann. Stat. § 48.981

The identity of the reporter shall not be disclosed to the subject of the report.

HOW TO REPORT IN WISCONSIN

Reports of alleged child abuse or neglect should be made to the county where the child or the child's family resides

For mandatory reporter training go to

:<http://wcpds.wisc.edu/mandatedreporter/>