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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

FOR RESPONDING TO CHLD SEXUAL ABUSE

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

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 Children’s Advocacy Center**

1650 E. Old Badillo St #C3

Covina, CA 91724

626-331-6700

**California Network of Children Advocacy Centers** <https://www.cacc-online.org/find-a-center>

510-895-0702

# CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

# Contact 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

TEACH Crisis Helpline (24 hour) 1-800-291-2156

United Way Crisis Helpline (24 hour) 888-421-1266
211(after hours)

Darkness to Light Helpline Call 1-866- FOR-LIGHT or Text LIGHT to 741741

Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline call or text 1-800-4-A-CHILD

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

## Legal Help

CA State Bar 213-765-1000

### Victim Advocacy

Peace for Families 530-832-6224

# RESOURCES FOR HEALING

**Treatment Providers**

CA Department of Mental Health 916-445-4171

South Bay Community Services 619-420-3620

Child Haven 707-425-5744

# Support groups for survivors and for parents and families of children who have been abusedTEACH INC 530-233-4575

Alliance Against Family Violence & Sexual Assault 661-322-0931

WEBSITES FOR MORE INFORMATION ON
CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND/OR TRAUMA

[www.D2L.org](http://www.D2L.org) 1-843-965-5444

[www.trauma-pages.com](http://www.trauma-pages.com)

[www.stopitnow.com](http://www.stopitnow.com) 1-888-PREVENT
 (1-888-773-8368)

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CALIFORNIA STATE REPORTING LAWS

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/manda.pdf>

PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT

*Penal Code § 11165.7*

* Teachers, teacher's aides, administrators, and employees of public or private schools
* Administrators or employees of day camps, youth centers, or youth recreation programs
* Administrators or employees of licensed community care or child daycare facilities
* Head Start program teachers
* Public assistance workers
* Foster parents, group home personnel, and personnel of residential care facilities
* Social workers, probation officers, and parole officers
* Employees of school district police or security departments
* District attorney investigators, inspectors, or local child support agency caseworkers
* Peace officers and firefighters, except for volunteer firefighters
* Physicians, surgeons, psychiatrists, psychologists, dentists, residents, interns, podiatrists, chiropractors, licensed nurses, dental hygienists, optometrists, marriage and family therapists, or social workers
* State or county public health employees who treat minors for venereal diseases or other conditions
* Coroners and medical examiners
* Commercial film and photographic print or image processors
* Computer technicians
* Child visitation monitors
* Animal control or humane society officers
* Clergy members and custodians of records of clergy members
* Employees of police departments, county sheriff's departments, county probation departments, or county welfare departments
* Employees or volunteers of a court-appointed special advocate program
* Alcohol and drug counselors
* Employees or administrators of public or private postsecondary institutions
* Athletic coaches, athletic administrators, or athletic directors employed by any public or private schools
* Athletic coaches, including, but not limited to, assistant coaches or graduate assistants involved in coaching at public or private postsecondary institutions

HOW TO REPORT IN CALIFORNIA

If you need to report child maltreatment, please call the Crimes Against Children Hotline at 1-800-482-5964.

For info on Darkness to Light’s mandated reporter training visit: <https://www.d2l.org/education/additional-training/child-abuse-neglect/>

CALIFORNIA STATE REPORTING LAWS CONT:

REPORTING BY OTHER PERSONS

*Penal Code §§ 11165.7; 11166*

Volunteers of public or private organizations whose duties require direct contact with and supervision of children are not mandated reporters but are encouraged to obtain training in the identification and reporting of child abuse and neglect and are further encouraged to report known or suspected instances of child abuse or neglect.

Any other person who reasonably suspects that a child is a victim of abuse or neglect may report.

For the purposes of this section, 'any other person' includes a mandated reporter who acts in his or her private capacity and not in his or her professional capacity or within the scope of his or her employment.

STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

*Penal Code §§ 11166; 11165.7*

* A mandated reporter, in his or her professional capacity or within the scope of his or her employment, has knowledge of or observes a child whom the reporter knows or reasonably suspects is the victim of abuse or neglect.
* Commercial film and photographic print processors have knowledge of or observe any film, photograph, videotape, negative, or slide depicting a child under age 16 engaged in an act of sexual conduct.
* Commercial computer technicians have knowledge of or observe, within the scope of their professional capacity or employment, any representation of information, data, or an image, including, but not limited to, any computer hardware, software, file, floppy disk, data storage medium, CD-ROM, computer-generated equipment, or computer-generated image, that is retrievable in perceivable form and that is intentionally saved, transmitted, or organized on an electronic medium, depicting a child under age 16 engaged in an act of sexual conduct.

For the purposes of this article, 'reasonable suspicion' means that it is objectively reasonable for a person to entertain a suspicion based upon facts that could cause a reasonable person in a like position, drawing, when appropriate, on his or her training and experience, to suspect child abuse or neglect. 'Reasonable suspicion' does not require certainty that child abuse or neglect has occurred nor does it require a specific medical indication of child abuse or neglect; any 'reasonable suspicion' is sufficient. For the purposes of this article, the pregnancy of a minor does not, in and of itself, constitute a basis for a reasonable suspicion of sexual abuse.

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

*Penal Code § 11166*

The clergy-penitent privilege is permitted for penitential communications. This does not modify or limit a clergy member's duty to report known or suspected child abuse or neglect when the clergy member is acting in some other capacity that would otherwise make the clergy member a mandated reporter.

INCLUSION OF REPORTER’S NAME IN REPORT
*Penal Code § 11167*

Report of mandated reporters shall include: The name, business address, telephone number of the mandated reporter, and the capacity that makes the person a mandated reporter Reports of other persons do not require the reporter's name.

DISCLOSURE OF REPORTER IDENTITY

*Penal Code § 11167*

The identity of the reporter shall be confidential and disclosed only as follows:

* Among agencies receiving or investigating mandated reports
* To the prosecutor in a criminal prosecution or in an action initiated under § 602 of the Welfare and Institutions Code arising from alleged child abuse
* To counsel appointed pursuant to § 317(c) of the Welfare and Institutions Code
* To the county counsel or prosecutor in a proceeding under part 4 (commencing with section 7800) of division 12 of the Family Code or § 300 of the Welfare and Institutions Code
* To a licensing agency when abuse or neglect in out-of-home care is reasonably suspected
* When the reporter waives confidentiality
* By court order