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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

# CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

# Contact the New Hampshire Dept. of Children Protective Services at 800-894-5533 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 Hotline (24 hour) 1-800-277-5570

Sexual Assault Support Services (24 hour) 888-747-7070

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

NH State Bar 603-224-6942

### Victim Advocacy

New Beginnings 603-528-6511

WISE 603-448-5922

# RESOURCES FOR HEALING

**Treatment Providers**

NH Department of Mental Health 603-271-4517

# Genesis Behavioral Health 603-524-1100

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

Sexual Assault Support Services 603-436-4107

Turning Points Networks 603-543-0155

Bridges 603-889-0858

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)

THERE ARE SEVERAL CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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:

**New Hampshire’s Network of Child Advocacy Centers**

Visit http://cac-nh.org/centers/programs/ to find the CAC near you

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MANDATED REPORTING

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NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE REPORTING LAWS

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/systemwide/laws-policies/state/>

PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT

*Rev. Stat. § 169-C:29*

The following professionals are required to report:

• Physicians, surgeons, county medical examiners, psychiatrists, residents, interns, dentists, osteopaths, optometrists, chiropractors, nurses, hospital personnel, or Christian Science practitioners

• Teachers, school officials, nurses, or counselors

• Daycare workers or any other child or foster care workers

• Social workers

• Psychologists or therapists

• Priests, ministers, or rabbis

• Law enforcement officials

REPORTING BY OTHER PERSONS

*Rev. Stat. § 169-C:29*

All other persons who have reason to suspect that a child has been abused or neglected must report.

STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

*Rev. Stat. § 169-C:29*

A report is required when a person has reason to suspect that a child has been abused or neglected.

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

*Rev. Stat. § 169-C:32*

Only the attorney-client privilege is permitted.

HOW TO REPORT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

If a child tells you that he or she has been hurt or you are concerned that a child may be the victim of abuse, you must call the Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF)

**Central Intake Unit at:**

Telephone: (800) 894-5533

8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Monday - Friday

Call your local police department with urgent child abuse or neglect reports during DCYF non-work hours (between 4:30 PM and 8:00 AM or on weekends and holidays).