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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

# CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

# Contact the Rhode Island Dept. of Children Protective Services at 1-800-742-4453 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

The Child Abuse Hotline (24 hour) 1-800-RI-CHILD

(1-800-742-4453)

Victims of Crime Helpline (24 hour) 1-800-494-8100

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

RI State Bar 401-421-5740

### Victim Advocacy

Day One 401-421-4100

St. Mary’s Home for Children 401-353-3900

RI Office of Child Advocate 401-462-4300

# RESOURCES FOR HEALING

**Treatment Providers**

RI Department of Mental Health 401-462-0455

# Gateway Health 401-729-8701

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

Day One 401-421-4100

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 RHODE ISLAND.

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:

**Day One Child Advocacy Center**

100 Medway St.

Providence, RI 02906

401-421-4100

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MANDATED REPORTING

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RHODE ISLAND STATE REPORTING LAWS

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

PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT

*Gen. Laws § 40-11-6*

Any physician or duly certified registered nurse practitioner is required to report

REPORTING BY OTHER PERSONS

*Gen. Laws § 40-11-3(a)*

Any person who has reasonable cause to know or suspect that a child has been abused or neglected must report.

STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

*Gen. Laws §§ 40-11-3(a); 40-11-6*

A report is required when:

• A person has reasonable cause to know or suspect that a child has been abused or neglected.

• A physician or nurse practitioner has cause to suspect that a child brought to them for treatment is an abused or neglected child, or he or she determines that a child under age 12 is suffering from any sexually transmitted disease.

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

*Gen. Laws § 40-11-11*

The privileged quality of communication between husband and wife and any professional person and his or her patient or client, except that between attorney and client, shall not constitute grounds for failure to report.

HOW TO REPORT IN RHODE ISLAND

Call the Hotline at 1-800-RI-CHILD (1-800-742-4453) to report child abuse and/or neglect