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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

# CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

# Contact the Wyoming Dept. of Children Protective Services at 307-777-6348 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

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

### Crisis and Referral Emergency Services (CARES) 307-568-3334

### 1st Judicial District Attorney 307-633-4270

**Victim Advocacy**

Cheyenne Police Department Victim Witness Program 307-637-6507

# Crisis Intervention Services 307-587-3545

# Gillette Abuse Refuge Foundation 307-686-8071

# Johnson County Family Crisis Center 307-684-2233

# RESOURCES FOR HEALING

**Treatment Providers**

# Memorial Hospital of Converse County SANE Program 307-358-2122

Natrona County Self Help Center 307-235-2814

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

# **Behavioral Health Division** 307-777-6494

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 WYOMING.

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 Wyoming**

Phone: 307-232-0159

Please go to this link for a CAC near you: http://www.wyomingcac.org/index.php/contact-form

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MANDATED REPORTING

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WYOMING STATE REPORTING LAWS

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

PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT

*Ann. Stat. § 14-3-205*

All persons must report.

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT

*Ann. Stat. § 14-3-205(b)*

If a person reporting child abuse or neglect is a member of the staff of a medical or other public or private institution, school, facility, or agency, he or she shall notify the person in charge or his or her designated agent as soon as possible, who is thereupon also responsible to make the report or cause the report to be made. Nothing in this subsection is intended to relieve individuals of their obligation to report on their own behalf, unless a report has already been made or will be made.

STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

 *Ann. Stat. § 14-3-205*

A report is required when:

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

• A person observes any child being subjected to conditions or circumstances that would reasonably result in abuse or neglect.

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

*Ann. Stat. § 14-3-210*

Evidence regarding a child in any judicial proceeding resulting from a report made pursuant to the reporting laws shall not be excluded on the ground it constitutes a privileged communication:

• Between husband and wife

• Claimed under any provision of law other than § 1-12-101(a)(i) [regarding attorney-client or physician-patient privilege] and § 1-12-101(a)(ii) [regarding privilege of a clergy member or priest as it relates to a confession made to him or her in his or her professional character if enjoined by the church to which he or she belongs

• Claimed pursuant to § 1-12-116 [regarding the confidential communication between a family violence and sexual assault advocate and victim]

INCLUSION OF REPORTER’S NAME IN REPORT

*Ann. Stat. § 14-3-206*

The report must include any available photographs, videos, and x-rays with the identification of the person who created the evidence and the date the evidence was created.

HOW TO REPORT IN WYOMING

To make a report of abuse or neglect, contact your local Department of Family

Services office.

If an emergency, call 911.