



Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault

24 Hour Crisis Line:
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Mandated Reporting of Sexual Abuse: Missouri Guidelines

Sexual abuse occurs more often than we would like to think; **one in four girls and one in six boys** will be sexually abused before turning eighteen years old. Mandated reporters are required by law to report any suspicions or disclosures of child sexual abuse immediately; failure to report is a crime.

To report for children that live in **Missouri**, call the 24-hour Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline at 800-392-3738 or TTY 800-669-8689. If calling from outside Missouri, 573-751-3448.

To report for children that live in **Kansas**, call 1-800-922-5330.

For the **National Child Abuse Hotline**, call 800-422-4453.

When do I report?

A direct and immediate report must be made to Missouri Children’s Division when there is reasonable cause to suspect abuse. It is only your responsibility to report abuse, not to prove it. If you are unsure if you should report, you can call your local Children’s Division to discuss your concerns.

What information do I need to report?

You will be asked for the following information when you report. You may not know all of the information, but you are still required to report.

- Name and address of the child and his/her parents/guardians
- Age, sex, and race of the child
- Name, age, and address of the suspected perpetrator
- Name, address, contact information, and relationship to victim of the reporter
- Nature and extent of injuries
- Any past incidents or evidence of abuse
- Other information that can be helpful or relevant to the investigation

Who is required to report?

- Teacher, principal, counselor or other school official
- Physician, medical examiner, dentist, nurse, resident, intern or any other health practitioner
- Psychologist, mental health professional, social worker, intern
- Juvenile officer, probation or parole officer, jail or detention center personnel
- Daycare or other child-care worker
- Any other person with responsibility for the care of children
- Peace or law enforcement officer
- Minister

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