



Prevent Child Abuse
Minnesota

Child Abuse Reporting Facts – Minnesota

References	The Law
Who should report?	Any person who knows or has reason to believe a child is being neglected or physically or sexually abused. . . or has been neglected or physically or sexually abused within the preceding three years. . . may report the information to the local agency responsible for assessing or investigating the report, police department or the county sheriff.
Who is mandated to report?	Minnesota State Statutes require immediate reporting of suspected abuse or neglect if the person is: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) a professional or professional's delegate who is engaged in the practice of the healing arts, social services, hospital administration, psychological or psychiatric treatment, child care, education, or law enforcement; or2) employed as a member of the clergy and received the information while engaged in ministerial duties, provided that a member of the clergy is not required by this subdivision to report information that is otherwise privileged.
Where do you report?	If the child is in immediate danger, call your local law enforcement agency right away. If the child is not in immediate danger, contact one of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Child Protection Services at your county social services agency if the alleged perpetrator is a parent, guardian, family childcare provider, family foster care provider or juvenile correctional facility staff person.2) Minnesota Department of Human Services, Division of Licensing, at 651.297.4123 if alleged perpetrator is a child care center provider, residential treatment center staff, crisis respite service program, or residential program for children with disabilities.3) Minnesota Department of Health, at 651.215.8702 or 800.369.7994 if alleged maltreatment occurred in a home health care setting, hospital, regional treatment center or nursing home.4) Minnesota Department of Education at 651.582.8546 if alleged perpetrator is employed by a public school (all levels) or charter school and the child is a student in the school.5) Local law enforcement if alleged perpetrator is someone outside the family and not a staff person at a facility. <p>If you are unsure who to contact, call your county social service agency's child protection unit.</p>