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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

# CALL TO REPORT ABUSE

# Contact the Nevada Dept. of Children Protective Services at 702-399-0081 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

Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline 702-399-0081

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

### Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada 702-386-1070

Volunteer Attorneys for Rural Nevadans 775-883-8278

### Victim Advocacy

# Advocates to End Domestic Violence 702-883-7654

# Nevada Coalition Against Sexual Violence 702-940-2033

# Community Action Against Rape 702-385-2153

# No To Abuse 775-751-1118

# RESOURCES FOR HEALING

**Treatment Providers**

NV Department of Mental Health & Development 775-684-5943

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

The Rape Crisis Center of Southern Nevada 702-385-2153

 702-366-1640 (24 hour)

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 NEVADA.

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:

**Children’s Advocacy Alliance**

2101 S. Jones Blvd #100

Las Vegas, NV 89146

702-228-1869

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MANDATED REPORTING

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NEVADA STATE REPORTING LAWS

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

PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT

*Rev. Stat. § 432B.220*

Mandatory reporters include:

• Persons providing services licensed or certified in this State pursuant to, without limitation, hospitals, physicians and other medical personnel, psychologists, therapists, social workers, and counselors, as described in chapters 450B, 630, 630A, 631, 632, 633, 634, 634A, 635, 636, 637, 637B, 639, 640, 640A, 640B, 640C, 640D, 640E, 641, 641A, 641B, and 641C

• Any personnel of a licensed medical facility engaged in the admission, examination, care, or treatment of persons or an administrator, manager, or other person in charge of the medical facility upon notification of suspected abuse or neglect of a child by a member of the staff of the medical facility

• Coroners

• Members of the clergy, Christian Science practitioners, or religious healers

• Persons working in schools

• Persons who maintain or are employed by facilities that provide care for children, children's camps, or other public or private facilities, institutions, or agencies furnishing care to children

• Persons licensed to conduct foster homes

• Officers or employees of law enforcement agencies or adult or juvenile probation officers

• Except as otherwise provided below, attorneys

• Person who maintain, are employed by, or serve as volunteers for agencies or services that advise persons regarding abuse or neglect of a child and refer them to persons and agencies where their requests and needs can be met

• Persons who are employed by or serve as volunteers for a youth shelter

• Any adult person who is employed by an entity that provides organized activities for children

REPORTING BY OTHER PERSONS

*Rev. Stat. § 432B.220*

Any other person may report.

HOW TO REPORT IN NEVADA

Report child abuse to:

CPS in Clark County Nevada

(702) 399-0081

Metro (3-1-1 or 9-1-1)

Online at www.ReportSuspectedChildAbuse.com

MANDATED REPORTING contd.

STANDARDS FOR MAKING A REPORT

*Rev. Stat. § 432B.220*

A report is required when:

• A reporter, in his or her professional capacity, knows or has reason to believe that a child is abused or neglected.

• A reporter has reasonable cause to believe that a child has died as a result of abuse or neglect.

• A medical services provider who delivers or provides medical services to a newborn infant, in his or her professional or occupational capacity, knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the newborn infant has been affected by prenatal illegal substance abuse or has withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure.

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

Rev. Stat. §§ 432B.220; 432B.225; 432B.250

The clergy-penitent privilege applies when the knowledge is gained during religious confession.

Notwithstanding the provisions of § 432B.220, an attorney shall not make a report of the abuse or neglect of a child if the attorney acquired knowledge of the abuse or neglect from a client during a privileged communication if the client:

• Has been or may be accused of committing the abuse or neglect

• Is the victim of the abuse or neglect, is in foster care, and did not give consent to the attorney to report the abuse or neglect

Nothing in this section shall be construed as relieving an attorney from:

• The duty to report the abuse or neglect of a child, except as otherwise provided above

• Complying with any ethical duties of attorneys, including, without limitation, any duty to take reasonably necessary actions to protect his or her client if the client is not capable of making adequately considered decisions because of age, mental impairment, or any other reason

Any other person who is required to report may not invoke privilege for failure to make a report.

MANDATED REPORTING contd.

DISCLOSURE OF REPORTER IDENTITY

*Rev. Stat. § 432B.290*

Information maintained by a child welfare agency may be made available to the persons listed below, as long as the identity of the person making the report is kept confidential:

• The proposed guardian or proposed successor guardian of a child

• A parent or legal guardian of the child and his or her attorney

• A child age 14 or older over whom a guardianship is sought

• Upon written consent of the parent, any officer of this State or a city or county or legislator, to investigate the activities or programs of a child welfare agency

An agency investigating a report of the abuse or neglect of a child shall, upon request, provide to a person named in the report as allegedly causing the abuse or neglect of the child a written summary of the allegations made against the person who is named in the report as allegedly causing the abuse or neglect of the child. The summary must not identify the person responsible for reporting the alleged abuse or neglect or any collateral sources and reporting parties.

Except as provided below, before releasing any information an agency shall take whatever precautions it determines are reasonably necessary to protect the identity and safety of any person who reports child abuse or neglect.

A person who is the subject of an unsubstantiated report of child abuse or neglect who believes that the report was made in bad faith or with malicious intent may petition a district court to order the agency that provides child welfare services to release information maintained by the agency. If the court finds that there is a reasonable cause to believe that the report was made in bad faith or with malicious intent and that the disclosure of the identity of the person who made the report would not be likely to endanger the life or safety of the person who made the report, the court shall provide a copy of the information to the petitioner.