

# Report Child Abuse!

**If a child needs immediate medical attention, call 911 or your local emergency number**  
*The following are recommendations from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Child Welfare Information Gateway:*<sup>97</sup>

If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, contact your local child protective services office or law enforcement agency so professionals can assess the situation. Many States have a toll-free number to call to report suspected child abuse or neglect. To find out where to call, consult the Information Gateway publication, [State Child Abuse Reporting Numbers](#)<sup>98</sup>

Anyone can report suspected child abuse or neglect. Reporting abuse or neglect can protect a child and get help for a family it may even save a child's life. In some States, any person who suspects child abuse or neglect is required to report. To see how your State addresses this issue, read the Information Gateway publication, [Mandatory Reporters of Child Abuse and Neglect](#)<sup>99</sup>.

Childhelp® is a national organization that provides crisis assistance and other counseling and referral services. The [Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline](#)<sup>100</sup> is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with professional crisis counselors who have access to a database of 55,000 emergency, social service, and support resources. All calls are anonymous. Contact them at **1.800.4.A.CHILD (1.800.422.4453)**. If you need help with personal or family situations, you may wish to visit [Where to Find Help](#)<sup>101</sup>

**CALIFORNIA: Mandated reporting of sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children effective January 1, 2016** Senate Bill 794 (new Penal Code section 11165.1(c)(1-3): The commercial sexual exploitation of a child is a form of sexual abuse and required by law to be reported to the Child Abuse Hotline by all mandated reporters (Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA) - California Penal Code section 11165.1.) **To file a report of suspected child abuse**, you may contact any police department or sheriff's (not including a school district police or security department), the county probation department, or the county welfare department **and** you are required to submit a written follow up report (form SS 8572) within 36 hours to Child Welfare by fax 858-467-0412 or mail: CWS Hotline 6950 Leveant St., San Diego, Ca. 92111.

**California Child Abuse Hotline: 800-344-6000**

**San Diego Child Abuse Hotline: 858-560-2191**

[California Reporting Numbers by County](#)<sup>102</sup>

<sup>97</sup> Child Welfare Information Gateway. How to Report Suspected Child Maltreatment. Retrieved October 24, 2018, from <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/responding/reporting/how/>

<sup>98</sup> Child Welfare Information Gateway. State Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Numbers. Retrieved October 24, 2018, from [https://www.childwelfare.gov/organizations/?CWIGFunctionsaction=rols:main.dspList&roIType=Custom&RS\\_ID=%205](https://www.childwelfare.gov/organizations/?CWIGFunctionsaction=rols:main.dspList&roIType=Custom&RS_ID=%205)

<sup>99</sup> Child Welfare Information Gateway. Mandatory Reporters of Child Abuse and Neglect. Retrieved October 24, 2018, from <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/systemwide/laws-policies/statutes/manda/>

<sup>100</sup> <https://www.childhelp.org/hotline/>

<sup>101</sup> Child Welfare Information Gateway. Find Help with a Personal Situation. Retrieved October 24, 2018, from <https://www.childwelfare.gov/aboutus/find-help/>

<sup>102</sup> Department of Social Services. Report Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect. California County Emergency Response Child Abuse Reporting Telephone Numbers. Retrieved October 24, 2018, from <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/Reporting/Report-Abuse/Child-Protective-Services/Report-Child-Abuse>