

RESPOND: How to Report

A situation may require one or more of the following responses:

INTERRUPT INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

- Stop the action verbally or physically
- Remove the child
- Politely confront individual
- State a clear boundary

ENSURE CHILD'S SAFETY

- Remove the child
- Leave the scene
- Do not let child return to the situation
- Immediate danger call 911

REPORT INCIDENT

- If you witnessed abuse
 If a child has disclosed abuse to you
 - If you suspect abuse



LOCAL POLICE

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES



Report to Child Protective Services - call your local region

Statewide End Harm Line: 866-363-4276

(Spanish option available)



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The statewide End Harm line will continue to be available 24/7.

For more information about reporting abuse of a child, visit the DCYF website at www.dcyf.wa.gov

If you would like copies of this document in an alternative format or language, please contact DCYF Constituent Relations (1-800-723-483) [360-903-8060, CanstRelations@dcyf.wa.gov).

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Questions that will be asked when you call

- 1. The name, address and age of the child.
- 2. The name and address of the child's parent, guardian or other persons having custody of the child.
- 3. The nature and extent of the abuse or neglect.
- 4. Any evidence of previous incidents.
- 5. Any other information which may be helpful in establishing the cause of the child's abuse or neglect and the identity of the perpetrator.

You do not need to have all of the above information when you call to make a report, but the more accurate information you can provide, the better equipped the offices will be to assess the child's safety.





How to Report Child Abuse:

- 1. Call 911 and the Department of Children, Youth & Families at 1-866-ENDHARM (1-866-363-4276), Washington State's tollfree, 24 hour, 7 days-a-week hotline.
- 2. When calling, please provide as much information as possible. The more accurate information you provide, the better equipped professionals will be to assess the child's safety:
 - · Name, birthdate, and address of the child.
 - Name, address, and phone number of the child's parent or guardian.
 - The nature and extent of the abuse or neglect.
 - · Any evidence of previous incidents.
 - · Identity of the perpetrator.
 - Any other information which may be helpful to establish the cause of the child's abuse or neglect.

Did You Know?

- You are not required to give your name when reporting to the authorities (Child Protective Services/DCYF, police or Sheriff).
- Child abuse laws apply to all children under the age of 18.
- The person accused of child abuse does not have the right to know who reported the suspected child abuse.
- Depending on the level of potential danger to the child, Child Protective Services/DCYF will investigate the reported abuse/neglect within 24-72 hours.

Sources:

- WA State Department of Youth and Family Services
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- Praesidium VYond video
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