

NAIM ABUSE PREVENTION

REPORTING CHILD ABUSE

BRITISH COLUMBIA:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/public-safety/protecting-children/reporting-child-abuse>

If a child is in immediate danger, call police (call 9-1-1 or your local police) to intervene and a child protection social worker should be contacted to determine whether the child is in need of protection.

If you think a child or youth under 19 years of age is being abused or neglected, you have the legal duty to report your concern to a child welfare worker.

Phone 1 800 663-9122 at any time of the day or night.

Your call will be answered by the Provincial Centralized Screening team (PCS) and their primary role is to receive and assess child protection reports and initial requests for ministry service across the province, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Provincial Centralized Screening can be reached at the following numbers:
1-800-663-9122 or 604-660-4927 (Lower Mainland & outside BC).

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SASKATCHEWAN:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/justice-crime-and-the-law/child-protection/child-abuse-and-neglect>

Report all incidents of suspected, observed, or disclosed abuse to your nearest Ministry of Social Services Office, First Nations Child and Family Services Agency or local police/RCMP.

For all after hours incidents or concerns, immediately contact your nearest After Hours Crisis Center:

- Prince Albert - 306-764-1011
- Saskatoon - 306-933-6200
- Regina - 306-569-2724
- Local Police/RCMP in other communities
- a local First Nations Child and Family Service Agency

A person reporting suspected neglect or abuse is not required to provide their name.

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ALBERTA:

https://www.solgps.alberta.ca/safe_communities/community_awareness/family_violence/Publications/Responding_to_child_abuse_handbook.pdf

Anyone who has reason to believe, that a child has been, or there is substantial risk that he or she will be abused or neglected by a parent/guardian, has a legal duty under the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act to promptly report the matter to a caseworker.

How to Report

Report to a caseworker at your Child and Family Services Authority office or First Nations Child and Family Services office. Many First Nations have a child intervention agency that provides child protective services on reserves. If you are unable to reach the local office or it is after business hours, call the Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-387-5437.

The caseworker:

- determines whether the child can benefit from family enhancement services or protection services;
- contacts the police if a criminal investigation is required;
- co-ordinates a response with other agencies, if necessary.

What to Report

Your report should include:

- your name, telephone number and relationship to the child (all of this information remains confidential);
- any immediate concerns about the child's safety;
- the location of the child;
- the child's name;
- the child's age;
- information on the situation;
- any other relevant information concerning the child and/or family.

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