

How to Report Suspicion of Child Abuse and Neglect



Below is a list of the type of questions you should be prepared to answer when reporting suspicion of child abuse and neglect. If you do not know answers to each of the questions, **make the call anyway** and provide as much information as you can.

A child's life could be depending on you. When reporting your suspicion, you have the right to remain anonymous unless you are a mandated reporter. Mandated reporters are professionals who have frequent contact with children.

- Child's name, age and address
- Last date and location you saw the child
- Parent or caretaker name and address
- Name and location of child's school or child care center
- Family members contact numbers
- What type of abuse is suspected (this is when you would explain your concerns)
- How the information was brought to your attention

Learn more about [mandated reporting](#).

Reporting Options

Resources for parents and caretakers to use if they need help or suspect that a child or adult has been abused.

- **Family Advocacy Program or New Parent Support Home Visitation Program** - [find your local program](#).
- **Military OneSource** - call 1-800-341-9647 or [website](#)
- **Military Crisis Line** - call 1-800-273-8255 or [website](#)
- **Dial 911**
- **Go to the nearest hospital emergency room**
- **Installation Military Police** - find [your installation](#)
- **Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline** - call **1-800-4ACHILD (1-800-422-4453)**
- Toll-free numbers for specific [state agencies](#) designated to receive and investigate reports of suspected child abuse and neglect.

