



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING

**If you believe a child is in immediate danger, please call 911 for help.
Do you suspect child abuse? Call **1-800-292-9582** anytime, 24/7**

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[Resources in Delaware if you suspect a child is being abused.](#)

If you suspect a child under the age of 18 is being abused or neglected, or is at risk for abuse or neglect, you are required to make a report to the Division of Family Services (DFS) by calling **1-800-292-9582**. The phones are answered 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by DFS staff. Persons making reports to DFS are not required to give their names.

[Children's Advocacy Center of Delaware](#) provides services in a child friendly setting in order to expedite the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases while ensuring the victims receive immediate, effective and sensitive support. Resources and links to everything from prevention information to reporting suspected child abuse.

- New Castle County: **302-651-4566**
A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children, 1600 Rockland Road, Wilmington, DE 19803
- Kent County: **302-741-2123**
611 S. DuPont Highway, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901
- Sussex County: **302-854-0323**
Children and Families First Building, 410 S. Bedford Street, Georgetown, DE 19947

[Delaware Division of Family Services](#) investigates reports of child abuse, neglect and dependency. If an investigation determines that protective services are needed, the Division provides home-based assistance such as counseling, family preservation services, parent aides, transportation and shelter care.

- Statewide Report Line at **1-800-292-9582**
- New Castle County:
 - University Plaza, Cambridge Building 263 Chapman Road, Newark, DE 19702
302-451-2800
 - 119 Lower Beech Street 3rd Floor, Wilmington, DE 19805
302-577-3824
- Kent County: **302-739-4800**
Barrett Building Silverlake Boulevard, Dover, DE 19901



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- Sussex County: [302-856-5450](tel:302-856-5450)
Georgetown State Service Center 546 South Bedford Street, Georgetown, DE 19947

[Prevent Child Abuse Delaware](#) is a statewide, private organization devoted to the prevention and treatment of all forms of child abuse and neglect. Prevent Child Abuse Delaware works with more than 60 Delaware schools, and serves over 35,000 children, parents, and other adults each year.

[302-425-7490](tel:302-425-7490) or call toll free [1-866-925-7223](tel:1-866-925-7223)

100 West 10th Street, Suite 715, Wilmington, DE 19801

[Sussex County: Office of the Child Advocate](#) provides legal representation of dependent, neglected and abused children. Reviews child protection policies and recommend changes in procedures for investigating and overseeing the welfare of children. [302-856-5720](tel:302-856-5720)

6 West Market Street, Suite 1, Georgetown, DE 19947

[Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline](#)

Call or text to [1-800-422-4453](tel:1-800-422-4453) to report child abuse

Help available 24/7 so you don't have to figure this out alone. Counselors are available to talk through child abuse situations if you have questions or need additional support.

[Darkness to Light](#) is a national organization that raises awareness of the prevalence and consequences of child sexual abuse by educating adults about the steps they can take to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to the reality of child sexual abuse.

[1-866-367-5444](tel:1-866-367-5444) or text LIGHT to [741741](tel:741741)