



## Child Abuse and Domestic Violence

If you believe that a child or adult is in immediate danger, please contact **911** for help.

### **Domestic Violence Resources**

[National Domestic Violence Hotline](#)

Call **1-800-799-SAFE (7233)** or text **START** to **88788**

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[Delaware Domestic Violence Services](#)

Online resources, services, and shelter information available.

**Delaware DOMESTIC VIOLENCE Hotline** **302-762-6110** 24 hour bilingual

### **Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting**

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

**Do you suspect abuse? Call 1-800-292-9582 anytime, 24/7/365.**

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
- Kent County: 302-739-4800  
Barrett Building Silverlake Boulevard, Dover, DE 19901
- New Castle County:



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- 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
- Sussex County: 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 or call toll free 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  
6 West Market Street, Suite 1, Georgetown, DE 19947

### **National Child Abuse Resources**

[Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline](#)

Call or text to 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 or text LIGHT to 741741