



Stop It Now![®]

Together We Can Prevent the Sexual Abuse of Children

Online Help Center

Have questions?
Need resources?

Get Help Now!

Contact the Stop It Now! Helpline:
Call - 1.888.PREVENT
Email - helpline@stopitnow.org
Chat - stopitnow.org/get-immediate-help

Stop It Now! prevents the sexual abuse of children by mobilizing adults, families, and communities to take actions that protect children before they are harmed.



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Reporting Child Sexual Abuse

If you suspect a child is being sexually abused, getting the proper help and support is vital. Typically, the situations that require reporting are:

- A child and/or adult shows numerous and consistent [warning signs](#) of abuse or being at risk to abuse
- A child has stated that they are being abused by an adult
- A child has stated that another child has been engaging in sexually harmful behaviors with them
- A child states that they have sexually harmed another child
- An adult has stated that they have sexually abused a child
- An individual has become aware of child sexual abuse material (child pornography) online
- An adult is aware of another adult or child who is viewing child sexual abuse material

If an adult who is responsible for caring for a child is suspected of sexually abusing a child, then the local child protection services should be contacted. If an adult who is not in a care-giving position with a child is suspected of sexual abuse, the local police should be notified. Concerns about child sexual abuse images can be reported to either the local police or cyber crime tiplines.

- [What is Child Protective Services?](#)
- [When and How to File a Report](#)
- [Who is Required to File a Report?](#)
- [Mandated Reporters](#)
- [When Must a Therapist File a Report?](#)
- [Making the Difficult Decision](#)
- [What Might Happen When I File a Report?](#)

Resources

- [Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Numbers By State \(Child Welfare Information Gateway\)](#)
 - A listing of phone numbers by state to call and report child abuse.
- [Childhelp \(1.800.4ACHILD\)](#)
 - Provides 24/7 assistance in 170 languages to adults, children and youth with information and questions regarding child abuse. All calls are anonymous and confidential.
- [CyberTipline \(1.800.843.5678\) \(National Center for Missing and Exploited Children\)](#)
 - National reporting hotline for internet safety.
- [INHOPE: International Association of Internet Hotlines](#)
 - International directory of resources for reporting concerning online content.
- [Virtual Global Taskforce](#)
 - Reporting internet sexual abuse crimes against children.