



PROTECTING CHILDREN IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS.

If you suspect that a child is being abused or neglected, do the right thing, *report it*.
Call 1-800-649-5285—24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Our 24-hour Child Protection Line makes it easy for you to share your concerns about a child with a trained social worker.

Your call could protect a child, get help for a family, and may even save a child's life.

Vermont's Child Protection Line

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Family Services Division

As Vermont adults, we all have a moral obligation to keep our children safe. With this comes the civic duty to report suspected child abuse and neglect. And certain people, as *mandated reporters*, are legally required to do so—within 24 hours.

Mandated Reporters

- Chiropractor, dentist, licensed practical nurse, medical examiner, mental health professional, osteopath, physician, physician's assistant, psychologist, pharmacist, registered nurse, surgeon, or any other health care provider;
- Hospital administrator, intern, or resident physician in any hospital in the state;
- School guidance counselor, librarian, principal, superintendent, or teacher;
- Child care worker, police officer, probation worker, social worker, or member of the clergy;
- Residential and non-residential camp administrator, counselor, or owner; and
- As of January 1, 2009, emergency medical personnel (24 V.S.A.) and any individual regularly employed by a school district or contracted and paid by a school district to provide student services for five or more hours per week during the school year.

Tip: When you report child abuse or neglect, try to have as much information on hand as possible (e.g., the names of the child's parents/caretakers; the child's name, age, and location; and the nature and extent of the injuries or allegations of abuse).

Thank you for keeping our children safe.