



3,000,000 children are victims of child sexual abuse every year.
Only 1 in 10 will ever report their abuse to a friend,
non-offending caregiver, or a trusted adult.

How can you help?

BE A HERO REPORT ABUSE

You are a Mandated Reporter!

Mandated Reporters are professionals working with or responsible for the safety and care of children. They are required by law to report suspected child abuse and neglect when they have reason to believe that abuse or neglect has occurred.

Facts about reporting:

- Child abuse includes, but is not limited to, physical harm, sexual exploitation, inappropriate contact, and neglect
- You report SUSPECTED abuse
- You can report confidentially, anonymously, and with immunity
- Reporters are required to REPORT OUT to local authorities & REPORT UP to their designated supervisor

What do you need to make a report?

- Child's full name and Date of Birth
- Child's home address
- Name, address, and contact number for the child's parent/guardian
- Current whereabouts of the child
- Minimal facts: who and allegation
- Don't investigate. Don't ask for more detail than a child is ready to give

Child abuse by the numbers:

- 90% of victims know their abusers
- 40% of abuse is committed by kids on kids
- 1 in 8 kids will be a victim of maltreatment by the time they turn 18

Recognize the warning signs:

- Inappropriate boundaries or relationships with an adult or caretaker
- Inappropriate or excessive fear of parent or caretaker
- Sudden, dramatic changes in personality or activities
- Age inappropriate interest in sex or sexual knowledge
- Bruises, welts or broken bones
- Involving other children in sexual play
- Poor hygiene
- Inconsistent or unbelievable explanation for injuries

Why make a report of abuse:

- Even if you are unsure what took place, it is always better to report what the child told you.
- You may be that child's only chance!

For questions, more information,
or to better understand your state's
laws for reporting child abuse go
to bcaci.org or contact Baltimore
Child Abuse Center at 443-923-7080.



Baltimore Child Abuse Center



REPORT UP: _____

REPORT OUT: _____ or 911