

- A person knows that a child is in need of supervision and care and has no parent, legal custodian, or responsible adult relative immediately known and available to provide supervision and care.

## 5. Disclosure of Reporter Identity

The names of reporters shall be entered into the record of the report but shall be held confidential. The name of the reporter may not be released to any person other than those responsible for child protective services, the central abuse hotline, law enforcement, the child protection team, or the appropriate State legal representative without the written consent of the person reporting.

## 6. Failing to Report Abuse

Failure to report child abuse may result in fines, imprisonment - or both.

## 7. Filing a False Report

A person who knowingly files a report known to be false may incur fines or imprisonment.

## 8. The Four Types of Child Abuse are:

1. Physical abuse (includes exposure of abusive substances to children/newborn infants). 2. Sexual abuse (Rape, molestation, exploitation, child pornography production, distribution and possession). 3. Neglect (Physical neglect, medical neglect, educational neglect, and emotional neglect). 4. Emotional abuse.

***A child of any age, sex, race, religion, and socioeconomic background can fall victim to child abuse and neglect. Abuse and neglect may result in the death of the child or incur life-long physical or mental damage or disability. You may be the only defense a child has. If you don't report abuse, who will?***

To make a report **call the police** and ask for the child abuse reporting hotline in your area.  
Or make the report directly to the police.

This information is provided as a guide.  
Local variances of the law supercede the information provided here. Free brochures:  
[www.abusewatch.net](http://www.abusewatch.net) - Click Brochures

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