



## Child Abuse

### Children's Services

#### Suspected Abuse

A child is counting on you! If you suspect child abuse or neglect, it is vitally important that you report it by calling our confidential 24-hour, 7-day-a-week hotline at [1-800-442-4918](tel:1-800-442-4918).

Mandated reporters must first call 1-800-442-4918 to verbally file their report. This should be done immediately.

After speaking with a Children's Abuse Hotline representative, they will be instructed to complete [Form SS 8572 \(Suspected Child Abuse Report\)](#) within 36 hours of the initial phone call. It is usually submitted via fax.

In most instances, four (4) copies will need to be printed, with one (1) provided to each of the following agencies:

- Local police or Sheriff's Department
- County Welfare or Probation Department
- District Attorney's Office

The reporting party will keep the last copy.