

Atlanta Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

CHILD ABUSE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

CONTACTING THE COUNCIL

In addition to your responsibility to report child abuse in Georgia, the Boy Scouts of America requires immediate notification to the director of field service whenever information about possible child abuse in the Boy Scout program is reported or suspected. The current policy for after-hours notifications is to call the Scout office in Metro Atlanta at **770-956-3171** and leave a detailed voice message that will remain confidential.

The director of field service will ensure that all state reporting requirements have been met and will also take measures to protect the youth in the Scouting movement.

The person having cause to believe that a child is being abused or who has received a disclosure is responsible for making the telephone report to the Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) in the county in which the abuse occurred. People who call to report suspected abuse do not have to be sure maltreatment has occurred. They simply report what they have seen or heard. The authorities will investigate and confirm whether or not abuse has occurred. People who call are asked to give the name and location of the child and the name of the suspected perpetrator. Reports are confidential and those who call do not have to give their name. However, it is most helpful to the process if the reporter is willing to give his or her name and address and, if necessary, testify in court.

The council should be contacted by leaving a message on the council service center answering machine. You should include the following:

Name of suspected victim _____ Date of incident _____

Address of victim _____ Age of victim _____

Name of alleged abuser _____ Address of abuser _____

Description of the event or suspected abuse _____

Please include unit numbers, phone numbers, and as much detail as you can. Also, leave your name and contact numbers so we can confirm and clear up any questions we may have in completing our report.

REPORTING CHILD ABUSE IN GEORGIA

The law says if a child is under age 18 and appears to have been abused or neglected by a parent or caretaker, DFCS will begin investigating immediately.

The Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) operates in each specific county to receive reports of child abuse and neglect.

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DFCS accepts all allegations of child abuse and neglect by telephone and in person from all sources, including identified sources, news media, anonymous sources, sources that have incomplete information, and referrals from the child or parent themselves.

Upon receiving a report of child abuse or neglect, a DFCS caseworker shall investigate the allegations and take such action as is necessary to ensure the safety of the child.

Carroll County	770-830-2050
Cherokee County	770-720-3610
Clayton County	770-473-2300
Cobb County	770-528-5000
Dekalb County	404-370-5251
Douglas County	770-489-3000
Fulton County	404-657-5219
Gwinnett County	770-995-2100
Haralson County	770-646-3885
Newton County	770-784-2490
Paulding County	770-443-7810
Pickens County	770-692-4701
Rockdale County	770-388-5025