

REPORT CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Who must Report

1. **Everyone who suspects abuse and/or neglect**
2. **Licensed physicians, residents or interns, registered nurses and visiting nurses.**
3. **Social Workers**
4. **Law Enforcement Officers**
5. **A Judge presiding during any proceeding**

Immunity

1. **If you report a child abuse and/or neglect in good faith you will be immune from civil or criminal liability.**

Failure to Report

1. **If you suspect abuse and/or neglect and do not report your suspicion, you can be charged with a misdemeanor in a court of law.**

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Where

1. **New Mexico Statewide Central Intake 1 (855)333-SAFE (7233) or from a cell phone #SAFE (7233)**
2. **Local County Child Protective Services Office**
3. **Local Law Enforcement; including State Police, County Sheriff's Office or local City Police Department**
4. **Tribal Law Enforcement or Tribal Social Services**

What

1. **All known demographic information on the child and family**
2. **Allegation of suspected abuse and neglect**
3. **Location of the child and the family**
4. **Safety factors involving the child**
5. **Potential Risks for the child and the family**
6. **Assessment of the family needs and strengths**
7. **Potential risks to the investigator**

Who investigates

1. **Child Protective Services Division only investigates abuse and neglect in which the perpetrator is a caretaker of the child.**
2. **Law Enforcement investigates all abuse and neglect reports including abuse and/or neglect by the day care providers, foster parents and institutions.**
3. **Child Protective Services and Law Enforcement jointly investigate child abuse and/or neglect when appropriate.**

REMEMBER: A report of suspected child abuse and/or neglect is a responsible attempt to protect a child