

CHILD ABUSE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

CONTACTING THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL, BSA

The Boy Scouts of America requires immediate notification of a Scout executive whenever information about possible child abuse in the Boy Scout program is uncovered. The current policy for after-hours notifications is to wait until the next business day and call the Field Director of your Scouting area at the numbers listed below.

The Field Director will ensure that all state reporting requirements have been met and will also take measures to protect the youth in the Scouting movement.

Field Directors:

District of Columbia / Prince George's County Maryland

Dan Mullin (202) 285-9911

Frederick / Montgomery / Calvert / Charles / St. Mary's Counties Maryland

David Digby (301) 214-9130

Fairfax / Arlington Counties Virginia

Matt Budz (301) 214-9120

Loudoun / Fauquier / Culpeper / Western Prince William / Clifton /Centerville Virginia

Deborah Dean (301) 214-9115

Eastern Prince William / Stafford / Spotsylvania / Caroline / King George / Burke / Fairfax Station Virginia

Patrick Sterrett (301) 214-9102

If an immediate report is to be made due to extreme urgency, a contact to Child Protective Services should be made. The appropriate field director should be contacted by leaving a message on their voice mail. The field director will then submit the appropriate "Suspected Child Abuse Reporting Form."

REPORTING CHILD ABUSE IN THE DC METRO AREA

In cases requiring immediate reporting or in non-Scouting situations, Child Protective Services can be reached at the following numbers:

Commonwealth of Virginia statewide child abuse Hotline	(800) 552-7096
District of Columbia	(202) 671-7233
State of Maryland by County	
Montgomery	(240) 777-3535
Prince George's	(301) 909-2200
Frederick	(301) 694-2442
Calvert	(410) 286-2135
Charles	(301) 392-6701
St. Mary's	(240) 895-7170

IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL OR CRIMINAL LIABILITY

Any person who, pursuant to the law, reports abuse and neglect or testifies in a child abuse hearing resulting from such a report is immune from any criminal or civil liability as a result of such action.

PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REPORT

Any person who knowingly fails to report suspected abuse or neglect pursuant to the law may be subject to criminal prosecution. Severity of the criminal sanctions in addition to possible civil liability varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction.