

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

For Responding to Child Sexual Abuse

Southeast, Missouri

State Reporting

If a mandated reporter has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been or may be subjected to abuse or neglect or observes a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances which would reasonably result in abuse or neglect, that person shall immediately report. *Section 210.115(1) RSMo.*

- Mandated reporters are required to immediately and directly make a report.
- Employers cannot impede or inhibit a mandated reporter in making a report.
- No person making a report shall be subject to sanctions, including adverse employment action, for making such report.
- Every employer shall ensure that any employee required to report has immediate and unrestricted access to communications technology necessary to make an immediate report and is temporarily relieved of other work duties for such time as is required to make any report.

Section 210.115(3), RSMo.

How to Report Abuse

Report reasonable suspicions of child abuse or neglect to the Missouri Child abuse and neglect hotline:

1-800-392-3738

If a child is in immediate danger call 911

Mandated reporters can report non-emergencies online at:

[Dss.mo.gov/cd/can.htm](https://dss.mo.gov/cd/can.htm)

- Anyone concerned about a child can make a report. You do not have to be a mandated reporter. *Section 210.115(5) RSMo.*
- You are not required to provide proof when you are making a report. Do not interview a child if they have disclosed to you. Listen without interruption, thank them for telling you, assure them they did nothing wrong and that you are going to do all you can to get them help and support.
- When making a report, all that is needed is the child's name, the name of the parent(s)/guardian(s) if known, name of the alleged abuser if known, where the child can be located, and a description of your concerns and any other helpful information you can provide.
- Anyone who makes a good faith report based on reasonable grounds is immune from prosecution. *Section 210.135 RSMo.*
- Your name and personally identifiable information is held confidential when you make a report *Section 210.109(3) RSMo.*

Professionals Required to Report Abuse

*Physician, Medical Examiner, Coroner, Dentist, Chiropractor, Resident Inter, Nurse, Psychologist, Hospital or Clinic engaged in the examination, treatment, care or research of person, and any other health practitioner, Mental Health Professional, Social Worker, Day Care Center Worker or other Childcare Provider, Juvenile Officer, Probation/Parole Officer, Jail/Detention Center Personnel, Teacher, Principal or School Official, Minister, Peace Officer/Law Enforcement Officer, volunteer or personnel of a community service program, or **any other person with responsibility for the care of children.** Section 210.115 RSMo*

Helplines

- Suicide and Crisis Lifeline 988
- National Sexual Assault Hotline (RAINN) 800-656-4673/rainn.org
- CyberTipline(online sexual exploitation) 800-843-5678/report.cybertip.org
- Stop It Now! (questions/concerns about sexual abuse) 888-PREVENT/stopitnow.org
- Basic needs support:
 - MO Parent Link Warmline: 800-552-8522/education.missouri.edu/parentlink/
 - United Way Helpline: 211/211.org
 - Findhelp: text HOME to 741741/findhelp.org

Resources for Victim Advocacy and Justice

- Missouri Legal Services lsmo.org
- MO Network of Child Advocacy Centers: missourikidsfirst.org/get-help/child-advocacy-centers/

Resources for Survivor Healing

- Zero Abuse Project: Survivor’s Space survivorsspace.org
- Enough Abuse Campaign enoughabuse.org
- Stop It Now! stopitnow.org

Resources for Child Sexual Abuse Education and Training

- Missouri KidsFirst missourikidsfirst.org/essential4kids.org
 - Protect MO Kids Mandated Reporter Training protectmokids.com
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State and Local Child Advocacy Centers

MO Network of Child Advocacy Centers:

Southeast Missouri Network Against Sexual Violence DBA SEMO-NASV

147 N. Lacey St., Jackson MO, 63755

(573) 332-1900

<https://semonasv.org/>

Other resources/centers:

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Pre-Training Questionnaire

Post-Training Questionnaire

