

What happens when a Report is Made?

Abuse/neglect reports received by Kansas Protection Report Center are forwarded to the Regional Protection Report Centers for an initial assessment. Kansas Protection Report Center staff will contact law enforcement if a report that is received after SRS business hours indicates an emergency situation exist.

To report your concerns of child abuse/neglect or adult abuse/neglect in the state of Kansas, please call:

- Within Kansas 1-800-922-5330
- Outside the state 1-785-296-0044
- Kansas Relay Center (TDDY)
1-800-766-3777

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Kansas Protection Report Center



What is the Kansas Protection Report Center?

Kansas Protection Report Center was established to receive reports of child abuse/neglect and adult abuse/neglect statewide. Calls made to Kansas Protection Report Center will be taken by trained staff. Kansas Protection Report Center staff are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including holidays, to take reports of suspected abuse/neglect.

What is included in a Report of Abuse or Neglect?

If the report alleges abuse or neglect, the reporter will be asked to provide detailed information such as:

- description of harm/injury including the location and severity of injury, how the injury was inflicted (i.e., open hand, closed fist or with a weapon), when and where did this occur; and has this happened before?
- who caused the harm/injury?
- does this person have access to the child or adult now, if so when?
- other individuals or agencies who have information about this incident and how to contact them
- when and where can the child or adult be located (i.e., school, parents, home, etc.)?

It is important Kansas Protection Report Center staff obtain as much information as possible about the incident by finding out what the reporter knows and how the reporter obtained the information.

Who can report Abuse or Neglect?

Anyone may call Kansas Protection Report Center, but some people are legally required by KSA 38-2223 to report abuse and neglect when they suspect that it may be occurring. The individuals below are referred to as mandatory reporters:

- persons licensed to practice the healing arts, dentistry and optometry, and persons engaged in postgraduate training programs approved by the state board of healing arts
- licensed professional or practical nurses; and chief administrative officers of medical care facilities
- licensed psychologists, licensed masters level psychologists, and licensed clinical psychotherapists,
- licensed social workers, licensed marriage and family therapists
- licensed clinical marriage and family therapists
- licensed professional counselor
- licensed clinical professional counselors
- registered alcohol and drug abuse counselors
- teachers, school administrators or other employees of an educational institution which the child is attending
- persons licensed by KDHE to provide child care services or the employees of persons so licensed at the place where the child care services are being provided to the child
- firefighters, emergency medical services personnel, and law enforcement officers
- juvenile intake and assessment workers
- court services officers
- community corrections officers
- case managers assigned to facilitate child custody arrangements according to K.S.A. 23-1001
- mediators assigned to facilitate child custody arrangements according to K.S.A. 23-602

How can I report Abuse or Neglect?

Reporters will be asked for information such as the age and location of the child or adult, the specific concern about the child or adult, how the caller became aware of the incident in question, and what happened to make the reporter call the agency today. Kansas Protection Report Center staff will also ask questions of the reporter which are unique to the circumstances being reported.

Reporters are not required to give their name or identifying information. However, it is often helpful to have the name and telephone number of the reporter in case additional information is needed.

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Where can I find more information?

Kansas children need to be safe from child abuse and neglect and the public plays a very important role in their protection.

For additional information regarding abuse/neglect reporting go to: http://srskansas.org/CFS/child_abuse_report.html