

HELP PROTECT OUR CHILDREN

Report Child Abuse or Neglect



Recognizing Child Abuse and Neglect

Washington statute defines **child abuse or neglect**:

'Abuse or neglect' means sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, or injury of a child by any person under circumstances which cause harm to the child's health, welfare, or safety... or the negligent treatment or maltreatment of a child by a person responsible for or providing care to the child. (RCW 26.44.020)

Anyone who has reasonable cause to believe a child has suffered abuse or neglect can, in good faith, make a report!

Information Asked When You Call:

- The name, address, and age of the child and parent(s).
- Perpetrator's information, if different from parent
- The nature and extent of the child abuse or neglect.
- Any information about previous incidences of abuse or neglect.
- Any other information that may be useful
- Whether the mother or father is of Indian ancestry.
- Please call in whether you have access to all this information or not, but that the initial concern is reported.



Who To Call:

- Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline
- Toll-free, Open 24/7
- Deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired: 1-800-833-6384

If you suspect child abuse or neglect, call the CPS Intake Line:

1-866-END-HARM
(1-866-363-4276)