



ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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CIVIL AUTHORITIES CONTACT INFORMATION

To report an allegation of Child Abuse or assault, please call the following locations based on your jurisdiction.

District of Columbia

Suspected instances of sexual abuse of children must be reported to Metropolitan Police Youth and Preventative Services Division: 202-576-6768/9 or 202-576-6762/3.

- Every call is investigated. If no investigator is available to take a call, a message should be left and an investigator will return the call.
- Suspected cases of child physical abuse and neglect should be reported to D.C. Department of Child Protective Services: 202-671-7233 (24 hours).

Montgomery County

Reports should be made to Child Welfare Division and Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) Family Crimes Division: 240-777-4417 or 240-773-5400 (answered 8:30 a.m.-midnight, then answered by Crisis Center, 240-777-4000, 24 hours).

- The Child Welfare telephone number is for all cases of child neglect and child abuse. The MCPD Family Crimes Division investigates serious physical abuse and all sexual abuse complaints.

Prince George's County

Reports should be made to Department of Social Services, Child Protective Services: 301-909-2450 (direct) or 301-909-2000 (receptionist), Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30p.m.

- After 4:45 p.m. and on weekends and holidays, call the Crisis Center: 301-699-8605.
- The Police Child and Vulnerable Adult Abuse Unit may be reached at 301-772-4930.

Calvert County

Reports should be made to the Department of Social Services: 443-550-6969 (CPS Intake direct line), Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

- The Child Abuse Referral Service (24 hour emergency service) may be reached at 443-550-6900; 410-535-1400 (state police); or 410-535-2800 (sheriff's office, 24 hours).

- The answering service for Calvert County Department of Social Services is 443-550-6900 (24 hours).
- In Calvert County, the Department of Social Services works with the State Police and Sheriff's Office. Calls should generally be directed to Social Services during regular working hours, but if there is difficulty in reaching Social Services, the police or sheriff's office may be contacted at any time.

Charles County

Reports should be made to Department of Social Services, 301-392-6739 (Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.); 202-671-7233 (Metro DC number); or 301-932-2222 (after hours, weekends and holidays; Sheriff's Department).

St. Mary's County

- Reports should be made to Department of Social Services, Child Protection Division: 240-895-7016 (Monday- Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month until 7:00 p.m.) or 301-475-8016 (after hours; Police Control Center has access to the person on call).
- The Child Protection Division of the Department of Social Services takes all calls during regular hours. After hours calls are taken by the Control Center at the Police Department.

Multiple Jurisdictions

Since our Archdiocese encompasses the District of Columbia and five (5) Maryland counties, it is possible that a child may have been abused in more than one jurisdiction. Even though the authorities of each jurisdiction cooperate with each other in investigating and prosecuting complaints, it is prudent to call each jurisdiction in which an act of abuse is alleged to have occurred.

- Our primary concern must always be the care and welfare of the victim and we therefore urge cooperation with the investigating authorities. We must also, however, show due respect for the rights of the accused.

IN CASE OF IMMEDIATE RISK OR DANGER PLEASE CALL 9-1-1.