

# CHILD ABUSE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

## CONTACTING THE COUNCIL

The Boy Scouts of America requires immediate notification of a Scout executive whenever information about possible child abuse in a Scouting program is uncovered. The current policy for after-hours notification is to wait until the next business day and call the Center for Scouting in Appleton at (920) 734-7505.

If an immediate report is essential to avoid further abuse of a child you should contact the local county children's service department listed below.

Brown County - 920-448-6000

Calumet County - 920-849-1400 or 920-989-2700

Door County - 920-746-2300

Dodge County - 920-386-3750

Fond du Lac County - 920-929-3400 or 800-525-3187

Green Lake County - 920-294-4070 or 800-664-3588

Kewaunee County - 920-388-7030

Langlade County - 715-627-6500 or 715-627-6504

Manitowoc County - 920-683-4230

Marinette County - 715-732-7700

Marquette County - 906-228-7570

Menominee County - 906-863-9965

Oconto County - 920-834-7000

Outagamie County - 920-832-1668

Ozaukee County - 262-284-8200 or 262-238-8200

Shawano County - 715-526-4700

Sheboygan County - 920-459-6418

Washington County - 262-335-4888

Waupaca County - 715-258-6300

Waushara - North Annex - 920-787-6550

Waushara - South Annex - 920-787-6600

Winnebago County - 920-236-4600 or 920-729-2750

All counties in Michigan's Upper Peninsula should use the Department of Human Services hotline 24/7 at (855) 444-3911.

\* Reports should include:

- 1.) The names and addresses of the child and his/her parents or person(s) having custody of such child;
- 2.) If known, the child's age and the nature and extent of the child's injuries, abuse or neglect, including any evidence of previous injuries, abuse, or neglect.
- 3.) Any information which might be helpful in establishing the cause of the injury, neglect or abuse.
- 4.) Obtain the name of the intake worker who takes your report.

\* Reports can be made by telephone, or in person, and the individual making the report can do so anonymously.

**ALL REPORTS ARE CONFIDENTIAL.**

## 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.

## CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REPORT

Any person who knowingly fails to report suspected abuse or neglect pursuant to the law or to comply with the provisions of the law is a disorderly person and subject to a fine up to \$1,000 or up to six months imprisonment, or both.