

## Who can report child abuse?

Anyone. Suspected abuse should be reported to the Grove City Division of Police. This can be anonymous, in person or over the phone.

Nearly five children die every day as a result of abuse. Source: childhelp.org.

In 2014, nearly three-quarters (70.7%) of child-fatality victims were younger than 3 years. Source: acf.hhs.gov.

## Additional Information

### Franklin County Children's Services

855 West Mound St.  
Columbus, OH 43223 .....614-275-2571

### Intake Assessment & Investigations Dept.

4071 E. Main St.  
Whitehall, OH 43213  
Hotline .....614-229-7000  
Walk-In: 24/7

### The Center for Family Safety and Healing

655 Livingston Ave.  
Columbus, OH 43205 .....614-722-8200

### National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

Hotline ..... 1-800-THE-LOST

# important numbers

**EMERGENCY: 9-1-1**

**Police Non-emergency: 614-277-1710**

**Crime Prevention: 614-277-1765**

**Anonymous Tipline: 614-277-1808**

**Detective Bureau: 614-277-1750**

crime map



Find your neighborhood's criminal activity on the Crime Mapping tool at [Police.GroveCityOhio.gov](http://Police.GroveCityOhio.gov).

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— Recognize the Signs



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## What is child abuse?

Child abuse is non-accidental, physical injury and/or assault, sexual abuse and/or emotional injury of a child.

**Child neglect is a criminal activity and you should contact the Grove City Division of Police. Examples include:**

- Creating a condition which presents a substantial risk to the health or safety of a child.
- Failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, or medical care.

**Physical abuse is a criminal activity and you should contact the Grove City Division of Police. Examples include:**

- Shaking a baby/child
- Excessive corporal punishment

**Sexual abuse is a criminal activity and you should contact the Grove City Division of Police. Examples include:**

- Pornography
- Fondling
- Petting
- Masturbation
- Exhibitionism
- Voyeurism

**Emotional abuse examples include extreme/excessive:**

- Screaming at a child
- Calling a child names
- Criticisms and put-downs
- Making fun
- Unfavorable comparisons of a child
- Refusal to talk to or listen to a child
- Emotional, social, intellectual and moral needs.
- Ignoring emotional, social, intellectual, and moral needs.

## Could child abuse affect me or someone I know?

Child abuse affects all economic and educational levels, all ethnic and racial backgrounds and all religious groups. Every child must receive watchful care.

## How can I tell if a child has been sexually abused?

Common signs include:

- Bed-wetting
- Nightmares
- Lack of concentration
- Dramatic change in personality
- "Clingy" behavior
- Insistent dislike for someone they're left alone with, such as a baby-sitter or family member

## What can I do if I suspect a child has been abused?

Physical abuse, sexual abuse, and child neglect are criminal activities and you should contact the Grove City Division of Police.

Abused children are not only hurt, they are deeply scarred emotionally. Aside from contacting police, counseling can be a good step to help start the healing process. This may include help from:

- School counselors
- Private counselors
- Hospitals
- Franklin County Children's Services
- Clergy