

GENERAL RULES FOR REPORTING CHILD NEGLECT OR PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL ABUSE

**Numbers to report to: Beltrami County Human Services 759-8300
(Ask for Child Protection Intake)**

Law Enforcement Center 751-9111

RULES FOR REPORTING

1. If you have contact with or have responsibility for children in your work, you are mandated to report any suspected neglect, physical and/or sexual abuse.
2. You must report suspected neglect or abuse if you have knowledge about the abuse or if you have reasonable cause to believe a child is being neglected or abused.
3. You must report your suspicions personally.
4. You must report immediately. (The law says within 24 hours, however, it is a wise practice to call it in as soon as possible. A report made early in the day allows human services and law enforcement time during the day to do an investigation and provide for the safety of the child that day, if necessary.)
5. Oral reports must be followed up with a written report within 72 hours.
6. DO NOT attempt to investigate on your own.
7. DO NOT contact the child's parents on your own.
8. Reports can be made either to law enforcement or human services.
9. You will be immune from civil liability if you report in good faith.
10. If you fail to report, you may be subjected to criminal prosecution.

