



Reporting Suspected Abuse of Minors

Contact 9-1-1 if you or an individual is facing an immediate and/or life-threatening emergency.

Ontario Children's Aid

As someone working directly with children and supporting others who are, you have a legal and ethical duty to report to your local Ontario Children's Aid Society when you have reasonable grounds to suspect that a child is or may be in need of protection. Described under [section 125 of the Child, Youth, and Family Services Act](#).

You don't have to be certain that a child may need protection. Suspicion on reasonable grounds – information that an average person, using normal and honest judgement would need to decide – is reason enough to report.

Click to [find your local Ontario Children's Aid Society](#)

My local Children's Aid Contact Information

Phone Number: _____

After Hours Emergency Phone Number: _____

Canadian Sport Helpline (www.abuse-free-sport.ca/helpline-contact-the-helpline/)

This national toll-free confidential helpline for harassment, abuse and discrimination provides a safe place for victims and witnesses to report their concerns.

The Canadian Sport Helpline exists to provide advice, guidance, and resources on how to proceed/intervene appropriately in the circumstances.

Call or text 1-888-83-SPORT (77678)

Contact by email at info@abuse-free-sport.ca

Open 8am – 8pm, 7 days a week



Kids Help Phone

As a resource you can provide your athletes and participants, Kids Help Phone operates Canada's only 24/7, professional counselling, referral and information service for young people.

Young athletes can chat confidentially with a trained, volunteer Crisis Responder for support with any issue – big or small.

Text CONNECT to 686868 or call 1-800-668-6868
Live Chat online or through the app at kidshelpphone.ca/live-chat
Open 24/7

Tips for Coaches:

- My team/organization visibly displays support resources available for athletes and/or parents (Kids Help Phone, Canadian Sport Helpline)
- My team/organization has dispute and complaint procedure processes that are visible and known to members.
- My team/organization has a designated safe sport officer and/or contact to approach with issues.

References:

Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies (<http://www.oacas.org/>)

Abuse Free Sport & Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (<https://abuse-free-sport.ca/>)

Kids Help Phone (<https://kidshelpphone.ca/>)