

**MECKLENBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
CHILD ABUSE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

CONTACTING THE COUNCIL

The Boy Scouts require immediate notification of a Scout Executive whenever information about possible child abuse in the Boy Scout program is uncovered. The current policy for after-hours notifications is to wait until the next business day and call Leroy Mayne, Scout Executive, Mecklenburg County Council, at 704/342-9330.

The Scout Executive will ensure that all state reporting requirements have been met and will also take measures to protect the youth in the Scouting movement.

If an immediate report is to be made due to extreme urgency, a contact to the Office of Child Abuse control should be made: 704/336-2273. The Council should be contacted by leaving a message on the Council Service Center answering machine. The "Suspected Child Abuse Reporting Form" should be completed and submitted to the council.

REPORTING CHILD ABUSE IN NORTH CAROLINA, MECKLENBURG COUNTY

The law says any person having reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subjected to child abuse or acts of child abuse shall report this information immediately to the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS).

From 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, reports of child abuse and neglect can be made to the local DYFS district office. There is at least one district office in every county. The Office of Child Abuse Control (OCAC) operates a toll-free, 24-hour, seven-day-a-week hotline (704/336-2273) to receive reports of child abuse and neglect. Calls received at OCAC during normal working hours are immediately referred to the appropriate district office, and calls received after hours are referred to the Special Response Unit (SPRU).

DYFS accepts all allegations of child abuse and neglect by telephone and in person from all sources, including identified sources, news media, anonymous sources, sources that have incomplete information, and referrals from the child or parent themselves.

Upon receiving a report of child abuse or neglect, a DYFS caseworker shall investigate the allegations and take such action as is necessary to ensure the safety of the child.

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.

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.

**SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE REPORTING FORM
MECKLENBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
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The following information was provided to one of the Executives shown below:

Leroy Mayne, Scout Executive
1410 E. Seventh Street
Charlotte, NC 28204
704/342-9330 (B) 704/844-8592 (H)

or

Tony Morton, Assistant Scout Executive
1410 E. Seventh Street
Charlotte, NC 28204
704/342-9335 (B) 704/549-1817 (H)

Name of suspected abuser: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No: _____ Scouting position, if known: _____

Child's Name: _____

Address: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Physical indicators observed: _____

Behavioral indicators observed: _____

Other indicators observed: _____

Reporter's name and position: _____

Date of report: _____ Signature: _____