Reporting Requirements for Minors and Children

There are 2 different reporting requirements

Child/Minor Abuse or Neglect
Follow blue info graphic

Child/Minor Sexual Abuse
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Reporting Abuse or Neglect Involving a Minor (Persons under 18)

**Abuse**

Means any act or failure to act that results in physical or emotional harm, or exploitation, or an act or failure to act that presents an imminent risk of serious harm to a minor.

**Neglect**

Is failure of a parent, caregiver, or other person who has responsibility for a minor to provide for the basic physical, medical, educational, or emotional needs of the minor.

**Emergency/ imminent Threat**

Any situation that requires immediate response from police, the fire department or an ambulance (active medical emergencies, crimes in progress).

**Non emergency**

Any situation that does not need immediate or active intervention (disclosures of past abuse or neglect).

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**Make a report in emergency and non emergency situations**

- If you know or suspect that a minor is suffering abuse or neglect.
  - You do not need to investigate it or be certain.
  - **Report it.**

Regardless where the abuse or neglect occurred (at home, GW or somewhere else)

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**Call Law Enforcement**

**If an emergency**

- Dial 9-1-1
  - off campus
- *or*
  - GWPD
  - 202-994-6111
  - on campus

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**Report to Local Child Abuse Hotline**

Call the child abuse hotline where the incident took place

**AND**

In non emergency situations, call GWPD and they will document the incident

(202) 994-6110
Every individual who has knowledge of sexual abuse of a minor (under 18) or knowledge of sexual abuse of child (under 16) or has reason to believe that sexual abuse of a child/ minor has occurred, must immediately report such knowledge or belief to law enforcement by calling 911 and appropriate social services agency.

Make a report

Call Law Enforcement

Call the child abuse hotline where the incident took place

DC CFSA: (202) 671-7233

You should then call GWPD, they will document the incident.

(202) 994-6110

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**Sexual Abuse of a Child**
conduct by an individual at least four (4) years older than a child to engage in/attempt to engage in a sexual act or sexual contact with that child, cause or attempt to cause that child to engage in sexually explicit conduct, or expose that child to sexually explicit conduct; or conduct by an individual of any age to engage in sexual contact with a child without the child’s consent.

**Sexual Abuse of a Minor**
conduct by an individual in a position of trust with or authority over a minor to engage in or attempt to engage in a sexual act or sexual contact with that minor; or conduct by any individual to engage in sexual contact with a minor without the minor’s consent.

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**Child**
means any person under the age of 16.

**Minor**
means any person under the age of 18.