

# Utah abuse and neglect reporting law

*Utah Code Ann §80-2-609*

**Everyone in Utah is required by law to report abuse, neglect, and exploitation.**

If you have reason to believe someone is being abused, neglected, or exploited, contact the nearest peace officer, law enforcement agency, or protective services agency immediately.

Anyone who makes such a report in good faith is immune from civil liability in connection with the report.

When the initial report is made, the receiving officer or agency must immediately notify the nearest protective services agency, which will initiate protective service procedures.

If it appears that the abuse, neglect, or exploitation has caused serious injury or a serious imposition on the rights of the person, the protective agency will immediately notify local law enforcement to initiate an investigation and further protective service procedures.

Willfully failing to report a suspected case of abuse, neglect, or exploitation is a class B misdemeanor.

Any person who abuses, neglects, or exploits is guilty of a third-degree felony.

**If you suspect abuse, neglect, or exploitation, call:**

In an emergency: 911

Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline: 1-855-323-3237

Adult Protective Services Hotline: 1-800-371-7897