

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE: NEVADA

DISCLOSURE TIPS



WHAT DO YOU SAY?

- An adult's reaction to disclosure plays an important role in the beginning of the healing process for the child.
- "I'm really glad that you told me."
- "It took a lot of courage to tell me."
- "It's not your fault."
- "We will work together to get you help."
- "I will need to tell some other people who help to protect children."



WHAT ARE THE CHILD'S NEEDS?

- Be careful not to make promises that you cannot keep. Do not promise you will not tell anyone.
- Report immediately.
- Only speak to those who have to know – confidentially.
- Gentle honesty – keep information age-appropriate and general.

INFORMATION NEEDED



HAVE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE:



WHO: Who was involved?



WHAT: What occurred?



WHEN: When did it occur?



WHERE: Where did it occur?



WHY: Why did it happen (what were the circumstances surrounding the event)?



MAKE A REPORT

Teachers are mandatory reporters of suspected abuse. In accordance with Nevada state laws mandated reporters are required to report suspected abuse within 24 hours. Washoe County requires mandated reporters to report within **one hour** of discovering suspected abuse.

All reports should be made to the local Nevada Division of Child & Family Services; the main number is 1-800-992-5757. In Clark County, please call 702-399-0081 and in Washoe County, call 775-785-8600.