

Reporting to Law Enforcement

North Carolina law requires adults to immediately report child sexual abuse to local law enforcement in the county where the minor resides or is located*. Any attempts, solicitations or conspiracies to commit these acts must also be reported. In an emergency, call 911. In a non-emergency, visit usacops.com/nc to find contact information for law enforcement offices in your county.

What should I include in a report to police?

When making a report to police, you will be asked for the following information.

(Provide as much as you know.)

- Minor's name and address
- Age of the minor
- Name and address of the minor's parent, guardian, or caretaker
- Name, address, and age of the person who committed the offense against the juvenile
- Names and ages of other juveniles in the home
- Present whereabouts of the juvenile (if not at the home address)
- Nature and extent of injury or condition resulting from abuse
- Information that would establish the need for protective services or court intervention
- Location where the offense was committed
- Names and ages of other juveniles present or in danger

Reports may be made in-person or by phone. When making a report you will be asked to provide your name, address and phone number. By law, your identity must be protected. As long as you are acting in good faith, you are provided with immunity from any possible civil or criminal liability for making the report.

* It's also helpful to know that you are legally required to report violent offenses against juveniles and misdemeanor child abuse by a parent or caretaker to local law enforcement.