

What to do if you suspect sexual abuse of a child in Kansas

Any person who has reason to believe that a child is being abused or neglected can make a confidential report to the Kansas Department for Children and Families.

**Kansas Department of Children and Families
Child Abuse Hotline
(800) 922-5330**

A child is any person who has not reached his or her eighteenth (18) birthday. An “abused child” is any child who has been neglected, sexually, physically, or psychologically injured.

Kansas State law (K.S.A. 38-2223 as amended in 2014) requires certain persons to report child abuse, physical, mental or emotional abuse or neglect or sexual abuse.

What to do if you suspect abuse by church or school personnel or volunteer

In addition to making a report to the proper civil authorities, please make a report to the diocese. A person may report allegations of child sexual abuse by writing, calling, or e-mailing the Diocese of Salina.

PHONE NUMBER: (785) 827-8746

Contact person: Mrs. Pamela Sullivan

MAILING ADDRESS: 103 North Ninth, P.O. Box 980
Salina, KS 67402-0980

E-MAIL ADDRESS: chancellor@salinadiocese.org

What to do if you need to talk with someone

Every diocese in the United States has a “Victims Assistance Coordinator.” This position came about as a result of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* created by the U.S. bishops in June 2002. The goal of the Victim Assistance Coordinator in the diocese is to promote healing and reconciliation with victims of child sexual abuse on behalf of the Catholic Church. Anne Kresin, a counselor and psychotherapist from Salina serves in this position for the Diocese of Salina.

Anne Kresin
Victim Assistance Coordinator
P.O. Box 2984
Salina, KS 67402
785-825-0865

There also exists a wide variety of mental health organizations within the Diocese of Salina. The following agencies offer individual and family counseling.

Catholic Charities
(785) 825-0208
Toll Free Numbers:
(888) 468-6909 (Salina)
(877) 625-2644 (Hays)

High Plains Mental Health
(785) 628-2871 (Hays)
462-6774 (Colby)
877-5141 (Norton)
346-2184 (Osborne)
543-5284 (Phillipsburg)
899-5991 (Goodland)

Pawnee Mental Health
(785) 587-4300 (Manhattan)
632-2108 (Clay Center)
243-8900 (Concordia)
762-5250 (Junction City)
738-5363 (Beloit)
527-2549 (Belleville)