

CHILD ABUSE REPORTING

WHEN TO REPORT

When you have reason to believe a child is being abused, neglected or is dependent, call the child protection hotline at 1-800-752-6200 or your county Department for Community Based Services, Fayette County 859-245-5258. If in doubt, we would prefer that you call and talk over what has come to your attention. We will help you sort things out, such as whether a specific incident must be reported and to whom.

If you feel the child is in imminent danger or is in need of immediate protection, call 911 or your local department. For example, a very young child or handicapped child who is left alone with no adult supervision needs immediate help. Police officers can remove a minor from a threatening environment in order to protect the child if the child is in danger of imminent death or serious physical injury or is being sexually abused and the custodian is unable/unwilling to protect the child. KRS 620.040(5)(c).