

YORK-ADAMS AREA COUNCIL CHILD ABUSE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

CONTACTING THE COUNCIL

The Boy Scouts requires immediate notification of a Scout Executive whenever information about possible child abuse in the Boy Scout program is uncovered. The current policy for after-hours notifications is to wait until the next business day and call the Council Service Center in York at (717) 843-0901 or (800) 569-5197 (outside York).

The Scout Executive will ensure that all state reporting requirements have been met and will also take measures to protect the youth in the Scouting movement.

If an immediate report is to be made due to extreme urgency, a contact to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Office of Children, Youth and Families should be made by calling ChildLine at (800) 932-0313. The council should also be contacted by leaving a message of the Council Service Center answering machine. The "Suspected Child Abuse Reporting Form" should also be completed and submitted to the council within 48 hours of the report being made.(Form attached)

REPORTING CHILD ABUSE IN PENNSYLVANIA, YORK AND ADAMS COUNTIES

The law says any person having reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subjected to child abuse acts of child abuse shall report this information to the either the York or Adams County Department of Children and Youth Services.

From 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM weekdays, reports of child abuse can be made to the local Children and Youth Services office. In **York County**, call (717) 846-8496 or (800) 729-9227. In **Adams County**, call (717) 337-0110. In addition, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Office of Children, Youth and Families (ChildLine) operates a toll-free, seven-day-a-week hotline (800) 932-0313 to receive reports of child abuse and neglect. Calls received at ChildLine are then quickly referred to the appropriate county office. If a report is made to ChildLine, both York and Adams County Children and Youth Services offices have requested that a second call be made to them to alert them to the ChildLine report having been made.

Children and Youth Services accepts all allegations of child abuse and neglect by telephone and in person from all sources, including identified sources, news media, anonymous sources, sources that have incomplete information, and referrals from the child or parents themselves.

Upon receiving a report of child abuse or neglect, a caseworker shall investigate the allegations and take such action as is necessary to ensure the safety of the child.

IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL OR CRIMINAL LIABILITY

Any person who, pursuant to the law, reports abuse and neglect or testifies in a child abuse hearing resulting from such a report is immune from any criminal or civil liability as a result of such action.

PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REPORT

In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who willfully fails to report suspect abuse or neglect pursuant to the law (Pennsylvania 23 PCSA § 6319) or to comply with the provisions of the law may be found guilty of a summary offense for the first violation and a misdemeanor of third degree for second or subsequent violation.

Suspected Child Abuse Reporting Form

York-Adams Area Council
Boy Scouts of America

The following information was provided to

Name of Person

Position

Address _____ Telephone _____

Name of suspected abuser _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Scouting position if known _____

Child's name _____ Date of birth _____

Address _____

Parent's name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Physical indicators observed _____

Behavioral indicators observed _____

Other indicators observed/known _____

Reporter's name and position _____

Date of report _____ Signature _____