


W. Va. Code, § 49-6A-5



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Chapter 49. Child Welfare ([Refs & Annos](#))

 [Article 6A](#). Reports of Children Suspected to Be Abused or Neglected ([Refs & Annos](#))

→§ 49-6A-5. Reporting procedures

Reports of child abuse and neglect pursuant to this article shall be made immediately by telephone to the local state department child protective service agency and shall be followed by a written report within forty-eight hours if so requested by the receiving agency. The state department shall establish and maintain a twenty-four hour, seven-day-a-week telephone number to receive such calls **reporting** suspected or known **child abuse** or neglect.

A copy of any report of serious physical abuse, sexual abuse or assault shall be forwarded by the department to the appropriate law-enforcement agency, the prosecuting attorney or the coroner or medical examiner's office. All reports under this article shall be confidential and unless there are pending proceedings with regard thereto shall be destroyed thirty years following their preparation. Reports of known or suspected institutional child abuse or neglect shall be made and received as all other reports made pursuant to this article.

Acts 1977, c. 65; Acts 1984, c. 27; [Acts 1992, c. 52](#); [Acts 1994, 1st Ex. Sess., c. 23](#); [Acts 2003, c. 64](#), eff. 90 days after March 6, 2003.

CROSS REFERENCES

Child abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect, see [§ 61-8D-1](#) et seq.

LIBRARY REFERENCES

Infants k154.1.

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[C.J.S. Infants § § 31, 36 to 40, 43 to 44, 51 to 52, 55, 62.](#)

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