



## Child Abuse Reporting Requirements

Any reports of child abuse are to be referred immediately to both listed below:

1. Contact the Choctaw Area Council Scout executive – James Hulgan

Work phone: 601-693-6757

Cell phone: 423-443-9181

2. Contact the [Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services](#) – 1-800-222-8000

Abuse Hotline                      1-800-222-8000

Lauderdale County                601-484-5124

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Boy Scouts of America  
Procedures for Reporting  
Suspected Child Abuse

In the event of an actual or suspected child abuse situation that involves a member of the Scouting movement, please follow these simple procedures:

A. When a child discloses abuse:

1. Don't panic or overreact to the information disclosed by the child.
2. Don't criticize the child or claim that the child misunderstood what happened.
3. Do respect the child's privacy and take the child to a place where the two of you can talk without interruptions or distractions.
4. Do reassure the child that he or she is not to blame for what happened. Tell the child that you appreciate being told about it and that you will help make sure it will not happen again.
5. Gather all the available information in a confidential manner and use the attached form to be sure you have enough of the appropriate details. Please do not conduct an investigation, just put on paper what you heard and know about.
6. Contact the Choctaw Area Council and talk with the Scout Executive, James Hulgan.

B. If the suspected child abuse is reported through other adult leaders or they suspect child abuse:

1. Follow items No. 5 and No. 6 and forward the child abuse reporting form to the Scout office immediately.

## Suspected Child Abuse Reporting Form

The following information was provided to:

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Name of person	Position
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Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of suspected abuser \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Scouting position (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Physical indicators observed \_\_\_\_\_

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Behavioral indicators observed/known \_\_\_\_\_

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Other indicators observed/known \_\_\_\_\_

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Reporter's name & position \_\_\_\_\_

Date of report \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

For after-hours emergency assistance, contact James Hulgan, Scout Executive, at 423-443-9181