

Concerns About Safety or Vulnerability for a Child

If you are worried that a child may be **unsafe, neglected, or hurt**, Minnesota has resources to help. Family, friends, neighbors, and healthcare providers can **seek guidance or make a report**. **Reports are not punitive** — they help professionals assess safety and connect families to support.

When to Seek Help

Reach out if a child:

- Is not receiving **adequate food, clothing, or shelter**
- Has **unattended medical or emotional needs**
- Shows signs of **physical, emotional, or sexual abuse**
- Has been **exploited or trafficked**
- Lives in conditions that threaten **health or safety**

Report Concerns or Ask for Guidance

Minnesota Child Abuse Reporting

- **Phone:** 1-800--652---1999 (24/7) (mn.gov)
- Reports **do not require proof** — concern is enough.
- Call to report suspected abuse or neglect, ask questions, or get guidance.

Immediate Danger

- Call **911** if a child is in **immediate harm or danger**.

Sexual Abuse & Medical Evaluation

If sexual abuse is suspected:

SANE / Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners

- Provide trauma-sensitive exams, injury documentation, evidence collection, and counseling referrals.
- Local access through emergency departments (e.g., **Mayo Clinic – Mankato**).

Mayo Clinic – Mankato

- **507-594---4745** – emergency/SANE contact (mayoclinichealthsystem.org)

Children’s Minnesota – Midwest Children’s Resource Center (MCRC)

- Specialized pediatric care for child abuse, trauma, or neglect
- **651-220---6750** (MCRC direct line)
- **1-866--755---2121** (24/7 Physician/Referral Access) (childrensmn.org)

Local County & Support Services

- **Blue Earth County Human Services** – 507-304---4319
- **Nicollet County Health & Human Services** – 507-934---8559
- **Le Sueur County Human Services** – 507-357---8288
- **Brown County Human Services** – 507-233---6600

Services: safety assessments, in-home support, parenting support, case management, stabilization programs.

Family Violence & Advocacy

Committee Against Domestic Abuse (CADA)

- Supports families experiencing domestic violence, offering safety planning, legal advocacy, emotional support, and shelter.

24-Hour Helpline: 1-800--477---0466

Local: 507-625--8688 | Text: 507--223---4200

Email: advocacy@cadamn.org (cadamn.org)

Exploited or Trafficked Youth

LSS Safe Harbor – South Central Regional Navigator

- Supports youth at risk of or experiencing sexual exploitation or trafficking
 - Provides advocacy, support, and connection to community services
- South Central Safe Harbor Hotline: 866-824---3770 (lssmn.org)**

Crisis Nursery Support

Mankato Area Crisis Nursery

- Short-term care for children (ages 0–12) during family crises
 - Care is free; family must request services
- 507-995---9259**
710 S 2nd St, Mankato, MN 56001 (mnvac.org)

Things To Know

- Reports are **not punitive** — they help assess safety and connect families to support
- If a child is in **immediate danger**, call **911**
- Early evaluation and intervention **improve safety and outcomes** for children and families