

# GOODHUE COUNTY

## SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER

426 WEST AVENUE  
RED WING, MN 55066  
(651) 385-3200  
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Citizen's Building

### Report suspected child abuse IMMEDIATELY

Ideally, the reporter should be the person who took the information directly from the child.

#### Where do I report

During business hours, M-F 8am-4:30pm call:

**Goodhue County Social Services - 651-385-3200**

OR

The local law enforcement agency-

**Goodhue County Sheriff's Department - 651-385-3155**

OR

**Emergency 911**



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*What do I do if I think someone is abusing a child?*

*If a child discloses that he or she has been abused by someone*

*It is important that you.....*

#### DO

- Support the child
- Validate his/her feelings
- Listen to the child
- Believe the child

#### DO NOT

- \* Investigate
- \* Ask leading questions (for example., "That man touched you didn't he?")
- \* Make promises
- \* Notify the parent (s) or caregiver (s)

Ask ONLY four questions:

1. What happened?
2. Who did this to you?
3. Where were you when this happened?
4. When did this happen?

