

# 2011 Heart of Ohio Council, Boy Scouts of America Child Abuse Reporting Procedures

**Who is the person in the council responsible for receiving reports of child abuse?**

1<sup>st</sup> Contact Person: Alex Tyms  
Scout Executive  
(b) (419) 207-8300, ext. 101 (c) (419) 564-2484

2<sup>nd</sup> Contact Person: Eric Clark  
Assistant Scout Executive  
(b) (419) 207-8300, ext. 103 (c) (419) 632-0709

**How may the designated person be contacted by someone who wishes to make a report of suspected child abuse?**

Heart of Ohio Council main telephone number: (419) 207-8300

**What are the procedures for reporting child abuse during times the council service center is closed?**

Alex Tyms cell phone: (419) 564-2484 - leave a message if he does not answer  
Eric Clark cell phone: (419) 632-0709 - leave a message if he does not answer

**You also have an obligation to report child abuse to one of the following agencies:**

The Local Police Department  
The Local Protective Service

**What is child abuse?**

Child abuse is injury of a child by an adult or older child that might not be intentional, but is not accidental. It is usually classified as physical abuse, emotional abuse, or sexual abuse.

Harm caused by withholding life necessities such as food, clothing, shelter, medical care, and education is called neglect.

**What if I am not sure that the child is being abused?**

The law requires only that you have a reasonable cause to suspect that a child is being abused. Once a report has been made, the appropriate agency will investigate and determine if abuse may be substantiated. The identity of the person making the report is held in confidence.