



Keeping Children Safe During COVID-19 and Other Crises

Let's protect them.



Even at the best of times, parenting is hard, and during a crisis it can be overwhelming. This pandemic has us worried that our loved ones may get sick, that we may not have a job or income to support our family, to pay rent or groceries, and during the time we need support the most, we are isolated from community connections.

Reports of child abuse across the nation have decreased since schools have closed due to COVID-19. Without the protective eyes of the teachers, coaches, doctors, and others who work with vulnerable children every day, children are not being seen. Children AND caregivers need caring adults, like neighbors and other family members, to pay attention and take action.

YOU CAN HELP BY

- Staying in contact and connect with children
 - Be a listening ear.

- Send a care package.
- Talk to the children, especially on video or by safely visiting by staying 6 feet away at the door.
- Reach out to parents and caregivers safely
 - Ask how they are doing and see how you can help. Just asking parents how they are can make a big difference.
 - If they need assistance, help connect them to resources. It can be stressful to find assistance as it could take many tries to find the right place. Search for resources that you can share and/or be there to make a call with them.
 - We have included is a list of community resources below.
- And if you hear a child screaming or crying frequently, notice young children being left alone for long periods of time, or suspect children are being harmed in any way, call for help. Anyone can call to report a suspicion of child maltreatment.

TO REPORT CHILD MALTREATMENT:

- CALL 1-833-803-1183 and make a confidential report anytime.
- If there is an emergency or you believe a child or someone in their household is in imminent danger, call 911.

You do not need proof of your suspicion. Even though it is a hard decision to take, we all must make protecting children our priority, especially during these challenging times.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- *Guidance for Schools and Youth Serving Organizations*
- *Tips on How EVERYONE Can Keep Kids Safe*
- *Tips on Asking Questions to Children and Parents*
- *Tips on Staying Connected and Managing Stress from PCA America*
- *COVID 19 Resource List*

Questions?

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