

# Abuse Help Line



## Needs

Physical, emotional, and sexual abuse are urgent and sensitive issues that must have an immediate and specific response.



## Description

The abuse help line is a critical tool for local leaders who encounter any form of abuse.



## Who is this for?

This is for priesthood unit leaders, which includes bishops, branch presidents, stake presidents, district presidents, and mission presidents. When other ward or branch organization leaders learn of abuse, they should immediately report it to legal authorities. They should also counsel with their bishop or stake president.



## How it works

Priesthood unit leaders who are informed of abuse by either the abuser or the abused are required to immediately contact the abuse help line. They should also call if they become aware of a member viewing, purchasing, or distributing child pornography. Priesthood leaders will be given counsel on legal requirements and ministering support from legal and clinical professionals.

Here are the various help line numbers across the world:

- United States and Canada: 1-801-240-1911 or 1-800-453-3860, extension 2-1911
- United Kingdom: 0800 970 6757
- Ireland: 1800 937 546
- France: 0805 710 531
- Australia: 02 9841 5454 (from within the country)
- New Zealand: 09 488 5592 (from within the country)

In countries that do not have a help line, a bishop who learns of abuse should contact his stake president. He will seek guidance from the area legal counsel at the area office.



## Where to learn more

For general information on situations of abuse, see “Abuse (Help for the Victim)” and “Abuse (Help for the Offender).” These are on the Counseling Resources website at [ChurchofJesusChrist.org/study/manual/counseling-resources](https://ChurchofJesusChrist.org/study/manual/counseling-resources).

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