

***What we need to create for our children is an environment that will embrace the person who has the courage to tell of their abuse.***



***We must believe them, we must support them, and not make them feel responsible.***

***The person who*** sexually abuses and exploits can be just about anyone - a father or mother; a sister or brother; an aunt or uncle, a teacher; a coach; a priest, minister, rabbi or clergy person; a neighbor; a friend; a stranger - sexual abusers can usually be identified only by the individual they abuse. Often times the victim is the only person who knows.

***Whoever they are,*** no matter how rich or powerful, well-known or well-liked, if they sexually abuse or exploit you, they are committing a crime.

***If someone has*** sexually abused you or exploited you, and you feel that the time is right to come forward, there are professionals you can talk to about your experience. They can assist you in getting the help you need.

***You do not*** have to face or name your abuser. You don't have to give any information you are not comfortable disclosing.

***It does not matter*** how long ago the abuse was. Help and treatment is available to you.

## ***How To Report Sexual Abuse and Exploitation***



**Diocese of  
Saint Cloud**

*A public service of  
the Diocese of Saint Cloud in  
support of healthy families, strong  
communities and healing ministry.*

*Sexual Abuse can happen  
to anyone...both children  
and adults.*

*Help is available.*

*Help is often free.*

*Your privacy will be respected.*

**What to do when someone reports  
abuse:**

- Keep calm
- Be Supportive
- Listen non-judgmentally
- Report to appropriate authorities
- Seek medical attention, if appropriate

**What not to do when someone  
reports abuse:**

- **Do not** overwhelm the person
- **Do not** press for details
- **Do not** make any promises that you are not sure you will be able to keep
- **Do not** confront the offender (leave this to the proper authorities).

**Who to call to report  
suspected abuse:**

**Diocesan Victim Assistance  
Coordinator:**

Roxann Storms, LSW, MS  
(320) 248-1563

**Diocesan Victim Advocates:**

Jane Blee: (320) 251-3430  
Nancy Fandel: (320) 685-7507  
Tom Klecker: (320) 253-2866  
Jim Otremba: (320) 253-3540  
Rev. Patrick Riley: (320) 650-1653  
Dolores Saurer: (218) 736-3592  
Mary Schindler: (320) 650-1668  
Rev. Stanley Wieser: (320) 863-5161  
Jennifer Wirz: (320) 229-6033

**The National Hotline for Child Abuse:  
1-800-422-4453**



**If you believe there is immediate  
danger, call your local Law  
Enforcement Agency at "911"**



Benton County Human Services  
(320) 968-5087

Douglas County Social Services  
(320) 762-2302

Grant County Social Services  
(218) 685-4417

Isanti County Family Services  
(763) 689-1711

Kanabec County Family Services  
(320) 679-6350

Mille Lacs County Family Services  
(320) 983-8208

Morrison County Social Services  
(320) 632-2951  
(800) 269-1464

Otter Tail County Social Services  
(218) 998-8150

Pope County Family Services  
(320) 634-5750

Sherburne County Social Services  
(763) 241-2600  
(800) 433-5239

Stearns County Human Services  
(320) 656-6000

Stevens County Human Services  
(320) 589-7400

Todd County Social Services  
(320) 732-4500

Traverse County Social Services  
(320) 563-8255

Wadena County Social Services  
(218) 631-7605

Wilkin County Family Services  
(218) 643-7161