Reporting Child Abuse

It is US Lacrosse policy that any adult member who suspects or witnesses child abuse is required to file a report with the appropriate authorities within 24 hours. Under federal law and US Lacrosse policy, US Lacrosse employees and volunteers are mandatory reporters and are required to report any and all allegations of child abuse to authorities.

What is Child Abuse?
Action or failure to act that causes injury, death, emotional harm or risk of serious harm to a child. Child maltreatment can come in many forms, including:
- Physical Abuse
- Emotional (psychological) Abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Neglect

What Information Should I Have?
- Name and age of child
- Child’s location or current home address (if known)
- Name of alleged perpetrator(s)
- Details you have around the suspected or alleged abuse:
  - Dates
  - Times
  - Locations
  - Witnesses
- Are there other children who may have been abused?
- Do you believe they’re in immediate danger? Why?

Call Child Protective Services and Law Enforcement Within 24-Hours.

Write down names of who you talked to, when, and any contact info.
Keep any case or reference number that you’re given.

If you believe a child is in immediate danger call 911.

Even if your report does not lead to further action by authorities, it helps to establish a record that can help lead to action later.

We recommend also filing a report with the USL SafeSport Program at uslacrosse.org/safesportreport

Childhelp®’s Locate your Local Child Protective Services agency:

uslacrosse.org/childhelpfindyourlocalcps

Federal legislation sets the minimum standards for definitions of child abuse and neglect for states; each state provides its own definitions within civil and criminal statutes. For individual state statues visit www.childwelfare.gov.