



CHILD ABUSE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS BY BRANCH

Unfortunately, because laws differ, when and how to report is not standardised across all states and territories of Australia. Below are the requirements for Each Branch.

Please note: These requirements are correct as at 1 April 2014

Australian Capital Territory	Leaders are encouraged to report directly to the civil authorities but may also report to the Scouts ACT Child Protection Commissioners
New South Wales	All suspicions, concerns or allegations about criminal matters or child protection matters should be reported directly to the Chief Commissioner, the Chief Executive or the Child Protection Officer at State Office. Once we receive a notification, the Association will make an immediate report to the relevant authorities.
Northern Territory	Every adult in the community has an obligation to report abuse directly to the authorities
Queensland	Leaders are to report directly to the Branch by contacting the Executive Manager or Chief Commissioner
South Australia	All Leaders are Mandated Notifiers and are legally obliged to report concerns to the Child Abuse Report Line (CARL)
Tasmania	<p>Any leader who becomes aware of or receives information that relates to child abuse must inform their Group Leader who has the responsibility of informing the Chief Commissioner. Leaders may directly refer to the Chief Commissioner if they chose to do so.</p> <p>The Chief Commissioner is required to refer directly to Tasmania Police.</p> <p>If the police decide that there is insufficient evidence to press charges the matter then returns to the Chief Commissioner to be considered under Scouts Tasmania policies and procedures, which could result in the person being suspended or stood down from membership of Scouts Tasmania.</p>
Victoria	Leaders are required to contact the office of the Executive Manager. For those with a mandatory reporting responsibility under law it is required that members of the Movement also report the matter to Executive Manager.
Western Australia	Adults in Scouting are required to contact the office of the Chief Commissioner