

Policy for Child Protection

As a statewide organization, Nevada Homeschool Association (NHA) has the privilege of serving thousands of wonderful homeschooling parents who love and care for their children and have made great sacrifices to teach and train their children in a positive, encouraging environment.

When parents fail to guard and protect their children, it is a painful reminder of the fallen world in which we live. All parents, as well as homeschooling parents and leaders, must be alert to abuse or neglect in order to protect those who cannot protect themselves.

Our Purpose

NHA provides encouragement and help for parents who choose to homeschool. We provide information, resources, and advice regarding home education and family life. Under no circumstances would NHA want our homeschool freedoms to shield child abuse or domestic violence. While we have no civil authority to act regarding allegations of child abuse or neglect, we recognize the responsibility of every individual to be educated on their role in stopping abuse and educational neglect.

What to Do

Laws that address child abuse and neglect, as well as domestic violence, are in place. First-hand information regarding child abuse or neglect should be reported immediately to the appropriate civil authorities.

If you believe a child is being sexually abused, call the police. If you believe a child is at risk of imminent harm, call 911.

How does Nevada define child abuse & neglect?

Visit the following website for a description of child abuse and neglect with additional information on mandatory reporters and child abuse facts:

[Nevada Child Abuse Prevention](#)

It is with much appreciation that NHA includes the following links provided by [Home School Legal Defense Association \(HSLDA\)](#). These resources help identify child abuse and neglect and offer helpful information and hope.

Child Abuse

What is considered child abuse according to the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act and how can you prevent it?

Sexual Abuse

How can you identify sexual abuse and what age-appropriate information should you share with your children?

Safety Principles

How can you pro-actively prevent sexual abuse? How can you protect someone who has experienced abuse?

If You Suspect Child Abuse

If you suspect child abuse or neglect, how can you follow up on your concerns?

Additional Resources

Learn how to protect your child from abuse. What can you do if you find yourself, your child, or another family's child in an abusive situation?

Focus on the Family

Focus on the Family offers valuable resources for families in crisis. Visit [Focus on the Family](#) or call their Help Center counselors at 1-855-771-HELP (4357), Monday through Friday, 8 am - 10 pm Eastern Time.

Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline

Call 1-800-4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453) and press 1 or visit [Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline](#). Although counselors do not report abuse, they can assist you with resources in your local area.