

CALUMET COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA CHILD ABUSE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

CONTACTING THE COUNCIL

The Boy Scouts requires immediate notification of Scout Executive, James R. Lakeman whenever information about possible child abuse in the Boy Scout program is uncovered. The current policy for after-hours notifications is to wait until the next business day and **call the Scout office in Munster at (219) 836-1720 or (708) 474-6212.**

Then Mr. Lakeman will ensure that all state reporting requirements have been met and will also take measures to protect the youth in the Scouting movement.

If an immediate report is to be made due to extreme urgency, a contact to the Child Protective Services in Indiana or Youth and Family Services in Illinois should be made:

**INDIANA 1 (800) 880-5556
ILLINOIS 1 (800) 252-2873**

. The council should be contacted by leaving a message on the council service center answering machine.

REPORTING SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE:

Contact the Scout Executive, James R. Lakeman, (219) 836-1720, or (708) 474-6212.

Proof of abuse in **NOT REQUIRED** for reporting, only that it is suspected. The only requirement is that the report be made in good faith.

Leave this to the appropriate law enforcement or child protection agency.

Confidentiality is essential. Do not discuss the matter with anyone other than James R. Lakeman.

IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL OR CRIMINAL LIABILITY

Any person who, pursuant to the law, reports abuse and neglect or testifies in a child abuse hearing resulting from such a report is immune from any criminal or civil liability as a result of such action.

PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REPORT

Any person who knowingly fails to report suspected abuse or neglect pursuant to the law or to comply with the provisions of the law is a disorderly person and subject to a fine up to \$1,000 or up to six months imprisonment, or both.