

## Reporting Abuse

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### **Archdiocese of Baltimore Child Protection Hotline**

(Toll Free) 1-866-417-7469

### **Archdiocese of Baltimore Office of Child Protection**

(e-mail): [assistance@archbalt.org](mailto:assistance@archbalt.org)

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### **Maryland State's Attorneys' Offices**

Allegany County	301-777-5962
Anne Arundel County	410-222-1740
Baltimore City	410-396-4001
Baltimore County	410-887-6660
Carroll County	410-386-2671
Frederick County	301-600-1523
Garrett County	301-334-1974
Harford County	410-638-3500
Howard County	410-638-3294
Washington County	240-313-2000

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