



## Facts about Child Abuse IN TEXAS\*

More than 4 children die from abuse or neglect each week

More than 7 children in Texas are maltreated every hour

Over 184 children are confirmed victims of abuse each day

In 2017, there were 61,506 child victims of abuse

In 2018, that number rose to 66,382.\*\*

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An estimated 1 in 10 children will be victims of sexual abuse before their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

\*Statistics from the Texas Association for the Protection of Children

\*\*Statistics from the Child Welfare League of America

What are ***we*** doing to help prevent child abuse?

**Every adult in Texas is a Mandated Reporter<sup>1</sup>**

**To report abuse Call 1-800-252-5400  
or in an emergency Call 911**

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<sup>1</sup> Mandated Reporter - **Texas law** requires that any person suspecting that a **child** has been abused or neglected must immediately make a **report**. If there is an emergency, call 911 and then call the DFPS **Texas Abuse Hotline** at 1-800-252-5400. You can also make a **report** online. <https://www.dfps.state.tx.us>