

Protection of Minors on Campus

Resource Page – What You Need to Know in Less than 5 Minutes

The University of Illinois (U of I) System recognizes a fundamental obligation to protect minors when they are on U of I System premises participating in U of I System programs designed to include minors or are in the care of Members of the University Community. A minor is anyone under 18.

The Illinois Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (ANCRA) requires that suspected child abuse and neglect be reported to the appropriate authorities.

Your reporting obligation depends upon your status with the University:

- **Members of the University Community** include all University Personnel, University Volunteers, University Contractors, and Other Designated Individuals.
- **University Personnel** include but are not limited to U of I System employees such as faculty, staff, post-doctoral research associates, and students in their capacity as student-employees.
- **University Volunteers, University Contractors, and Other Designated Individuals.** To see if you fit into one of these categories, please consult the definitions section of the [U of I System Protection of Minors Policy](#).

Child Abuse or Neglect Reporting Responsibilities

- **Members of the University Community** must report suspected Child Abuse or Neglect to the appropriate University of Illinois Police Department. In emergencies or when an incident involves injury, Members of the University Community are expected to call 911 and/or the university police.
- **University Personnel** must make the report required of Members of the University Community **and** must immediately report suspected abuse or neglect discovered in their professional or official capacity as a University employee to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS).
 - If the report is for a non-life threatening or non-emergency incident of abuse or neglect, an online report may be submitted at <https://dcfonlinereporting.dcf.illinois.gov>.
 - If you believe the abuse or neglect requires immediate action, call the DCFS Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 1-800-25-ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) as soon as you suspect the abuse or neglect.
 - In addition, University Personnel who reasonably suspect a minor has died as a result of abuse or neglect must also immediately report their suspicion to the appropriate medical examiner or coroner.
- **University Contractors, University Volunteers, and Other Designated Individuals** must make the reports required of Members of the University Community **and** are encouraged to make the reports required of University Personnel.
- **Students** whose coursework involves work with minors should refer to their

professor, supervisor, or unit Human Resources Office for their reporting requirements.

Retaliation Not Tolerated

- Retaliation is not tolerated against anyone who makes a good faith report of child abuse or neglect or who cooperates in the investigation and handling of such reports.

Events that Include Minors

- If your department, unit, or sports team is sponsoring an event and the event is designed to include minors not enrolled or accepted for enrollment at UIC, UIS, or UIUC;

OR

- If an external entity will use U of I System facilities for an event and the event is designed to include minors;

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1. **Prior to the event**, send a completed protection of minors event form to the appropriate university point of contact.
2. **Members of the University Community** who are responsible for the supervision or care of minors, or whose duties would require close contact or time alone with minors, must undergo a criminal background and sex offender registry check in accordance with university procedures.
3. **University Contractors, University Volunteers, and Other Designated Individuals** must complete the U of I System-approved protection of minors training and certify they understand their reporting responsibilities. The department overseeing the event is responsible for providing and retaining the certification forms.

Points of Contact and Additional Information

Campus	Name	Phone	Email	Links for More Information	
System	Cassandra Staudacher	(312) 585-9029	cks@uillinois.edu	Policy	FAQs
UIUC Contact 1	Tori Exum	(217) 333-4752	texum@uillinois.edu	Policy - CAM	Website
UIUC Contact 2	Stephanie Vogelsang(event forms)	(217) 300-1533	svogel@uillinois.edu	Policy - CAM	Website
UIC	Joanna Wolek	(312) 355-5524	jwolek@uillinois.edu	Procedures	Website
UIS Contact 1	Jé Greer	(217) 206-8265	jgree6@uis.edu	Policy	Website
UIS Contact 2	Paige Lavin (event forms)	(217) 206-7078	pstuc2@uis.edu	Policy	Website