



# Kids Need Schools to Continue Reporting Abuse During the COVID-19 Crisis

Since schools have shut in New Mexico, child abuse reports have dropped nearly 50%

## You May Be the Only Person to Act

Remember - If something does not look safe, sound safe, or feel safe—make a report

### Signs of Concerns in the Virtual Environment:

- The child tells you they feel unsafe.
- Significant changes in the student's mood/behavior
- Looking disheveled (especially if this is new)
- Showing signs of worry (e.g. looking over their shoulder, wringing their hands)
- Not turning on camera or sitting in shadows
- Hiding parts of their body, (eg. hair or arm blocking face)
- Repeated dressed in same clothing (especially if this is new)
- Changes in Quality of work
- Lack of attendance/homework when they have virtual access
- No contact with the student/family after repeated attempts.
- Note repeated late entries/abrupt departures)

### Be the ONE! Here's Some Tips to Help:

- Log in early, log out late
- Have office hours, give email address
- Be available
- Build rapport
- Ask them to set-up a well-lit work area
- Speak with students privately
- Check in regularly with students and/or caregivers.
- Ask engaging questions
  - "Give me one word that describes how you feel today?"
  - "How is learning from home different from learning at school?"
- Pay attention to background noises/ home environment /people
- Ask questions, be curious
- Create assignments that pair students to foster creating connections
- Encourage on-line connections to others



**You can be the ONE person who makes all the difference!**

**Report abuse and neglect to Statewide Central Intake (SCI)  
(855) 333-SAFE or #SAFE from your cell phone**