

## Report Historical Child Sexual Abuse

It is never too late to report a sexual crime. Generally speaking, there is no time limit for reporting child sexual abuse. Some people choose to report immediately, whereas others may report days, weeks, months or years later. Some people may never disclose or report.

It is important to note that Police can investigate a sexual crime weeks, months and years after the crime has occurred.

If you or someone you know is affected by child sexual abuse, including historical child sexual abuse, please report to police in your relevant state or territory. If you require further information, please do not hesitate to call **Bravehearts' Information and Support Line** on **1800 272 831** between the hours of 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday (AEST). If you require assistance outside of these hours, please call **1800 RESPECT**.

### NSW

#### Police Reporting Number/Options:

Call 131 444 or attend your local police station.

#### Alternative Reporting Option:

**Sexual Assault Reporting Option (SARO)** Go to: [police.nsw.gov.au/crime/sex\\_crimes/adult\\_sexual\\_assault/sexual\\_assault\\_categories/sexual\\_assault\\_reporting\\_option](https://police.nsw.gov.au/crime/sex_crimes/adult_sexual_assault/sexual_assault_categories/sexual_assault_reporting_option).

*NB: Choosing this option means that the matter will not be investigated by police.*

### QLD

#### Police Reporting Number/Options:

Call 131 444 or attend your local police station.

#### Alternative Reporting Option (ARO)

Go to: [police.qld.gov.au/units/victims-of-crime/support-for-victims-of-crime/adult-sexual-assault/alternative-reporting](https://police.qld.gov.au/units/victims-of-crime/support-for-victims-of-crime/adult-sexual-assault/alternative-reporting).

*NB: You can remain anonymous using this option.*

### TAS

#### Police Reporting Number/Options:

Call 131 444 or attend your local police station

#### Alternative Reporting Option (ARO):

Call Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000

### WA

#### Police Reporting Number/Options:

Call 131 444 or attend your local police station or call the Sexual Assault Squad: (08) 9428 1600

#### Alternative Reporting Option (ARO):

Call Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000

### VIC

#### Police Reporting Number/Options:

Call 131 444 or attend your local police station or call a local SOCIT's: [police.vic.gov.au/reporting-sexual-offences-child-abuse#reporting-a-sexual-offence-to-police](https://police.vic.gov.au/reporting-sexual-offences-child-abuse#reporting-a-sexual-offence-to-police)

To report institutional or religious organisations, please contact the SANO Taskforce on email [sanotaskforce@police.vic.gov.au](mailto:sanotaskforce@police.vic.gov.au) or call 1800 110 007

#### Alternative Reporting Option (ARO):

Call Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000

### ACT

#### Police Reporting Number/Options:

Call 131 444 or attend your local police station

#### Alternative Reporting Options (ARO)

Go to: [forms.afp.gov.au/online\\_forms/actpolicing\\_reporting\\_sexual\\_assault](https://forms.afp.gov.au/online_forms/actpolicing_reporting_sexual_assault)

### SA

#### Police Reporting Number/Options:

Call 131 444 or attend your local police station

#### Alternative Reporting Option (ARO):

Call Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000

### NT

#### Police Reporting Number/Options:

Call 131 444 or attend your local police station

#### Alternative Reporting Option (ARO):

Call Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000