Reporting child abuse: What is the duty to report?

The saying “it takes a village to raise a child” is never more true than when we talk about protecting children. Keeping the most vulnerable members of our community safe is the responsibility of everyone. If you have any reason to believe that a child is in need of protection or is at risk of harm, make the call to Children’s Aid.

Talking about child abuse is hard. But not as hard as seeing or suspecting that a child is being abused. If you have reasonable grounds to suspect a child is in need of help, you need to make the call. It isn’t up to you to prove or investigate the abuse but it is up to you to reach out and help protect the child.

It is a basic human right to be free of harm and this especially applies to children. It is our job as adults to step up and protect all of the children in our community.