

Dubai Police set up abuse hotline

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DUBAI //Dubai Police have set up a dedicated, 24-hour hotline where the public can anonymously report suspected child abuse cases, officials announced this morning.

The hotline will be directly connected to the Criminal Investigation Department and handled by experienced police investigators and officers, according to department's director.

The hotline was set up as part of an effort to curb the number of incidents of sexual abuse of children, said Brigadier General Khalil Ibrahim Al Mansoori.

Brig Gen Al Mansoori said when such cases are not reported "for reasons of honour or embarrassment" it helps perpetuate such crimes.

Calls to the hotline will be handled by officers with experience in dealing with children and sexual assault crimes, and callers will be kept anonymous. While the statements are collected over the phone, field officers will be sent to the scene to investigate.

The hotline number is 04 266 1228.

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