

Daycare Sexual Assault Claims in Georgia

How Our Attorneys Protect Children and Hold Negligent Facilities Accountable

Choosing a daycare is one of the most important decisions a parent can make. You trust that the facility will keep your child safe, supervised, and cared for. But when that trust is broken, the impact can be devastating. Unfortunately, incidents of daycare sexual assault have made headlines across Georgia and the nation, leaving families shocked and struggling to understand how this could happen.

At the [Law Offices of Gary Martin Hays & Associates, P.C.](#), we know these cases are about far more than legal claims. They're about protecting children, helping families heal, and demanding accountability from those responsible. Our Georgia daycare sexual assault lawyers are dedicated to investigating the circumstances surrounding an incident and pursuing justice for children and their families.

The Alarming Reality of Daycare Sexual Assault

Sexual abuse in daycare settings is rare but deeply concerning. In many cases, predators exploit the trust parents place in daycare facilities and take advantage of lapses in supervision or background screening.

Common factors in daycare sexual assault cases include:

- **Inadequate Hiring Practices:** Some facilities fail to perform thorough background checks, allowing individuals with red flags in their history to work with children.
- **Poor Supervision:** A lack of staff oversight can create opportunities for abuse in classrooms, nap areas, or restrooms.
- **Neglecting Mandatory Reporting Laws:** Georgia law requires daycare staff to report suspected abuse, but delays or failures to report can allow abuse to continue.
- **Ignoring Prior Complaints:** Some facilities overlook warning signs, such as previous reports of inappropriate behavior, rather than removing individuals who pose a danger to children from contact with them.

Daycares and their operators have a legal and moral duty to protect children from harm. When they fail to uphold that duty, families have the right to hold them accountable.

Signs a Child May Have Been Sexually Assaulted

Children often struggle to articulate what happened after a traumatic experience, especially very young kids in daycare. That's why it's crucial for parents and guardians to recognize warning signs that may indicate abuse:

- Sudden changes in behavior, mood, or appetite
- Unexplained fear of certain people, places, or situations

- Regression to earlier behaviors, like bedwetting or thumb-sucking
- Physical symptoms such as bruising, bleeding, or difficulty sitting or walking
- Age-inappropriate sexual knowledge or behaviors
- Withdrawal from friends, family, or previously enjoyed activities

These signs don't always indicate abuse, but they are serious red flags that should prompt immediate attention and investigation.

Georgia Has Laws That Protect Children

Georgia has strict laws designed to safeguard children from abuse and hold negligent daycare facilities accountable:

- **Mandatory Reporting Requirements:** Under Georgia law, daycare staff are legally required to report any suspected child abuse to the authorities immediately. Failure to do so can result in criminal charges.
- **Background Check Regulations:** Licensed childcare facilities must perform thorough screenings on all employees and volunteers. Hiring someone with a known history of misconduct can make the facility liable for resulting harm.
- **Civil Liability:** In addition to criminal charges against the perpetrator, daycare operators and owners may be held financially responsible if their negligence contributed to the abuse.

Who Can Be Held Liable in a Daycare Sexual Assault Case?

When a child suffers sexual assault at a daycare, liability can extend beyond the perpetrator. Our attorneys investigate all potential avenues for accountability, including:

- **The Perpetrator:** For committing the assault or engaging in inappropriate conduct
- **Daycare Owners and Operators:** For negligent hiring, inadequate supervision, or failure to act on warning signs
- **Third-Party Contractors:** Individuals or organizations that provide services at the daycare but weren't properly vetted
- **Property Owners:** In cases where unsafe facility conditions created opportunities for abuse

Every case is unique, but identifying all responsible parties can make the difference between a limited recovery and securing the resources a child and family need for long-term healing.

How We Build a Strong Legal Case

Daycare sexual assault cases are complex, emotional, and often involve multiple layers of evidence. At Gary Martin Hays & Associates, we act quickly to preserve critical information and protect the child's rights.

Key evidence may include:

- **Employee Records:** Hiring files, background checks, and disciplinary histories
- **Surveillance Footage:** Video recordings inside and outside the facility
- **Incident Reports:** Internal documents about prior complaints or suspicious behavior
- **Staffing Logs:** To determine who had access to the child at the time of the incident
- **Witness Testimonies:** Statements from other employees, parents, or children
- **Medical and Counseling Records:** Documentation that supports the child's experience and ongoing care needs

Swift action is critical. Daycares and their insurers often move quickly to protect themselves, which makes it essential for families to have an experienced legal team advocating for them from the start.

We Understand The Emotional and Financial Toll on Families

Daycare sexual assault devastates families emotionally and financially. Survivors often require extensive counseling and therapeutic support to begin healing, and parents may lose income while focusing on their child's recovery.

Recoverable damages may include:

- **Medical and Psychological Treatment:** Including long-term therapy and specialized trauma care
- **Pain and Suffering:** Compensation for the lasting emotional and psychological impact
- **Loss of Future Earnings:** If long-term effects interfere with the child's ability to thrive later in life
- **Punitive Damages:** In cases of gross negligence, Georgia law allows additional damages to punish the facility and deter future misconduct

Many of us are parents ourselves, so we understand that no amount of compensation can erase the trauma experienced in these incidents. However, a successful claim can provide the financial resources families need to secure the best care and support available.

Why Our Legal Experience Matters

Cases involving sexual abuse at daycare facilities are highly sensitive and often aggressively defended. Insurance companies and corporate attorneys work hard to limit liability and protect reputations.

With [over \\$1 billion recovered](#) for Georgia families, the Law Offices of Gary Martin Hays & Associates, P.C., has the resources, experience, and compassion to handle these challenging cases. We know how to:

- Navigate Georgia's childcare and negligence laws

- Expose systemic failures in hiring and supervision practices
- Work with child psychologists and forensic experts to strengthen the case
- Stand up to powerful insurers and corporations to demand justice

Our team treats every case with the utmost sensitivity and respect, protecting your child's privacy while pursuing full accountability.

Steps to Take If You Suspect Abuse at a Daycare

If you believe your child may have been sexually assaulted at daycare, taking swift action is crucial to protect your child and strengthen your legal options:

1. **Ensure Your Child's Safety** – Remove your child from potential harm immediately.
2. **Seek Medical Attention** – Have a qualified healthcare provider evaluate your child for any physical injuries and document findings.
3. **Report the Incident** – Contact law enforcement and file a report with the [Georgia Division of Family & Children Services \(DFCS\)](#).
4. **Preserve Evidence** – Save clothing, communications, and any documentation from the daycare.
5. **Avoid Confrontation** – Do not confront the suspected perpetrator or facility staff without legal guidance.
6. **Contact an Attorney** – An experienced Georgia daycare sexual assault lawyer can guide you through each step, protecting your child's rights and holding negligent parties accountable.

We're Proud To Stand Up for Georgia's Children

Parents should never have to worry about their child's safety at daycare. Yet when facilities fail in their duty to protect, it's critical to act quickly — not just for your child, but to prevent harm to others.

At Gary Martin Hays & Associates, we've built a reputation as Georgia's Power Law Firm by standing up for victims when it matters most. Our team fights tirelessly to uncover the truth, demand justice, and secure the compensation families need to move forward.

If your child was sexually assaulted at a daycare in Georgia, you don't have to face this situation alone. [Contact us today](#) for a free, confidential consultation. We'll listen to what happened, explain your rights, and take immediate steps to protect your family.