

Reporting Suspected Abuse of a Minor or Vulnerable Adult in the Diocese of Bridgeport

In the Diocese of Bridgeport, we encourage every person who has any information about any form of abuse or neglect, knowledge of someone in possession of child pornography or suspected boundary violations toward Minors or Vulnerable Adults, to report this information to the Diocese of Bridgeport and to Civil Authorities.

All Clergy, Candidates for Ordination, Religious Sisters and Brothers, Employees, all categories of Volunteers, Tenants and Independent Contractors are required to report this information within 12 hours of becoming aware of it. Proof is not a requirement for a report to be made and third party information is reportable.

Immediately call:

Erin Neil, L.C.S.W., Director of Safe Environment and Victim Assistance Coordinator

OFFICE: (203) 416-1406 // CELL: (203) 650-3265 // eneil@diobpt.org

or

Michael Tintrup, L.C.S.W., Victim Assistance Counselor mtintrup@ccfc-ct.org // (203) 241-0987

AND

The CT Department of Children and Family (D.C.F.) Child Abuse and Neglect Care-line 1-800-842-2288

within twelve (12) hours of becoming aware of the information or the police AND IF DIRECTED also notify the police in the town where the incident occurred.

Immediately call (911) if there is imminent risk of harm to any person.

Third Party Reporting: Survivor and Witness Hotline

1-833-990-0004 // www.lighthouseservices.com/diobpt

To Report Sexual Misconduct by a U.S. Bishop, call 1-800-276-1562 // reportbishopabuse.org

or call Kathleen D. Nowosadko, the province's local reporting individual: (860) 541-6475

For a report involving a Vulnerable Adult, call the police in the town where the incident occurred.

Protective Services for the Elderly should also be contacted at the Department of Social Services 1 (888) 385-4225. After business hours or on weekends or state holidays, please call Info-line at 2-1-1.

For an allegation of abuse or neglect involving an individual with an intellectual disability between the ages of 18 and 59, call 1 (844) 878-8923.

SUSPECTED BOUNDARY VIOLATIONS OR SUSPECTED GROOMING BEHAVIORS TOWARD MINORS OR A VULNERABLE ADULT

If you have any concern about the safety of a child or Vulnerable Adult or if you have observed an early warning sign of inappropriate conduct or a violation of the Safe Environment policies, please call the Safe Environment Office with what you know.

Suspected grooming behaviors toward minors must also be reported to the police and to the D.C.F. Care-line.



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