

Policy for Faith Formation Handbooks
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Suggested for Faculty-PSR Handbooks

Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect Reporting Policy

If you know, believe or have a reasonable cause to suspect that a child under eighteen years of age or a mentally retarded, developmentally disabled, or a physically impaired child under twenty-one years of age has suffered or faces a threat of suffering any physical or mental wound injury, disability, or condition of a nature that reasonably indicates abuse** or neglect of the child you SHALL immediately report that knowledge or reasonable cause to suspect to:

(Add county resource numbers here)

You SHALL also:

Immediately notify your parish catechetical leader, principal or program coordinator that a report has been made, or jointly make that call together. That person (the one you notified) must then report the same to the Bishop's Office or Br. Patrick Shea.

**Examples include, but are not limited to, physical abuse, sexual abuse, and emotional abuse.

Confidentiality Agreement:

All details of suspected and/or reported abuse are to be kept strictly confidential except for reporting requirements.