

# Child Protective Services Law

All persons (including volunteers) who come into contact with children at any time in the course of their work **are considered mandated reporters of child abuse** and are required by State Law to report to law enforcement authorities all cases of suspected child abuse.

Any person who willfully fails to report child abuse commits a crime and is subject to prosecution.

Persons having reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been subjected to child abuse, or acts of child abuse, shall report immediately to the following:

- If you suspect a child is in imminent danger from abuse,  
**PLEASE CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY.**
- Child Abuse Hotline (24-hour): **1-800-932-0313**
- Appropriate Office of Children and Youth Services:

Berks	610-478-6700	Bucks	215-348-6950
Carbon	570-325-3644	Luzerne	570-826-8710
Lehigh	610-782-3064	Monroe	570-420-3590
Northampton	610-559-3290	New Jersey	877-652-2873
Schuylkill	570-628-1050	Montgomery	610-278-5800

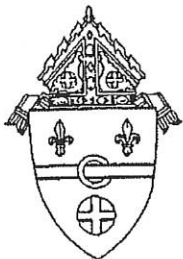
Please also complete the CY 47 form available from the County Children & Youth Services. It is to be filed within 48 hours of your call. The form is available for completion online at <http://reportsuspectedabuse.com/>

- The Pastor or Board of Pastors of the Elementary School
- The Principal
- Attorney Joseph A. Zator at 610-432-1900
- If abuse occurs in a school setting, there may be additional reporting requirements. Please see your Principal. If the suspected perpetrator is the Principal, then see your Pastor, or the Superintendent of Education for the Diocese.

**\*\*Please document who you spoke to and when**

Anyone making a report is immune from civil or criminal liability provided a report is made in good faith.

**The Diocese of Allentown urges any questions  
about the interpretation of the law be resolved in favor of reporting.**



**DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN  
Child Protective Services Law Policy  
Acknowledgment Form**

I hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Diocese of Allentown's Child Protective Service Law Policy.

I have reviewed the Child Protective Services Law Policy and understand its contents, and the process that I must complete if I have reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been subjected to child abuse or acts of child abuse.

I further understand that the Diocese of Allentown has issued the Child Protective Services Law Policy for informational or guidance purposes only and that the Diocese does not intend for the Policy to create a contract or any type of binding obligation on the Diocese. The Diocese of Allentown may periodically review the Child Protective Services Law Policy, and it reserves the right to amend or interpret the Policy as it deems appropriate in its sole discretion. A copy of this acknowledgment form shall be placed in my personnel or volunteer file.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Employee/Volunteer)

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(Please print name)

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Location (Parish/School/Office)

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City