

■ POLICY

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MINORS AND ADULTS

ABUSE AND NEGLECT

In compliance with state law (ORC 2151.421, any paid catechetical leader, catechist or parish staff, having reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been abused or neglected shall immediately contact the county Child Protection Services or law enforcement and inform the agency contacted of the facts and circumstances which led to the filing of a report. The employee will immediately report the case to the parish pastor.

Any non-paid catechetical leader, catechist or parish staff has a moral responsibility to report such actions.

Please refer to page 36 of the Diocese of Columbus Safe Environment Manual for a list of county phone numbers to report such an incident.

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