

Office for A Safe Environment in Ministry
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Guidance for Reporting Allegations of Abuse or Sexual Misconduct

Obligation to Report:

Any person who has actual knowledge of any abuse of a child/ren or has reasonable cause to suspect any such abuse by any personnel of the eparchy is bound to comply with the civil law and eparchial mandate to report any such concern to appropriate and competent authority in a timely manner.

Reporting Process:

Any incident of such alleged abuse shall be reported to the Pastor/Administrator of the parish or program within the Eparchy. Such allegations may also be reported directly to the Office for a Safe Environment in Ministry at (732) 280-2682.

The legal responsibility to report such allegations may also be accomplished directly by contacting the local police agency in the community where the alleged abuse is believed to have taken place or is presently taking place. It should additionally be reported to the Office for a Safe Environment in Ministry for appropriate action.

Upon notification of any allegation of abuse to the Eparchy of Passaic it will immediately report the allegation to the appropriate police agency through the office of the Eparchial Attorney.

Necessary Reporting Information:

1. Name, address and telephone number of person making the report
2. Name of the alleged victim
3. Any contact information for the alleged victim or parent/guardian of the victim
4. Name of alleged perpetrator and position (*priest, volunteer, catechist, employee*)
5. Location of where the reported violation/s is/are alleged to have taken place
6. Approximate date or time period of such violations

It should be noted that the Eparchy of Passaic cannot act on any anonymous reports of alleged sexual abuse or misconduct. All individuals making such reports must provide necessary identification and contact information.