



ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

REPORTING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

If Archdiocesan personnel receive a report of alleged child sexual abuse, regardless of where or when it occurred or who the perpetrator is, they shall **immediately**:

- Advise the person (or their parent or guardian) to report the incident to the appropriate District Attorney's Office or other law enforcement agency;
- If the child is in imminent danger, call 911;
- Report the incident to the New York State Child Abuse Hotline, regardless of whether the person is a mandated reporter; and
- Notify the Office of Legal Affairs or the Safe Environment Office
- If the report alleges child sexual abuse by a member of the clergy, they shall also refer the person directly to the Archdiocesan Victim's Assistance Coordinator.

An online form has been created for reports of child sexual abuse and sexual misconduct: <https://archny.org/report/>

Whenever there is reasonable cause to suspect that a minor has been the victim of child sexual abuse, or that any Archdiocesan personnel have committed any other criminal sexual misconduct, the Archdiocese will make an immediate report to the appropriate District Attorney's Office.

Archdiocesan personnel who are mandated reporters under New York law shall fully comply with the requirements of the law. Archdiocesan institutions that employ mandated reporters shall fully comply with any applicable requirements of the mandatory reporting laws.

Persons who report alleged incidents pursuant to this policy, and those who cooperate with investigations of such reports, shall be entitled to the protections of the Archdiocesan whistleblower policy.

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