

Reportable Incidents (updated on September 1, 2018)

When an incident involves maltreatment, neglect, or abuse, it must be reported to the local authorities. This is true whether the incident is witnessed directly, self-reported to you, or merely suspected.

In the state of Wisconsin, any concerned individual can report suspected abuse or neglect. Under Wisconsin state law, clergy are required to report abuse or neglect. State law protects reporter confidentiality. Persons making reports in good faith are immune from criminal or civil liability.

If the abuse is happening now or is violent in nature, call 911.

To report a case of child abuse or neglect, contact the county or tribe where the child or child's family lives. When in doubt, contact the closest county. Any Child Protective Services agency can assist you. For a list of contact numbers, [click here](#).

To report incidents of abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, or self-neglect of adults-at-risk (ages 18-59) or elders (ages 60+) call your [County Help Line](#).

If a reportable incident happens at your church or during a church-sponsored event, the pastor should immediately contact the District Superintendent. Your Safe Sanctuaries policy should clarify who will take this lead role if the pastor is implicated in the incident (typically the Lay Leader, Church Council chairperson, or PPRC/SPRC chairperson).