



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of Child and Youth Protection

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR
SUSPECTED ABUSE OF A MINOR**

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston requires compliance with applicable laws regarding incidents of actual or suspected child abuse including abuse involving child on child conduct. Failure to report suspected physical or mental abuse or neglect of a child in Texas is a crime punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.

PERMISSION TO MAKE A REPORT IS NOT REQUIRED OR EXPECTED. ERR ON THE SIDE OF MAKING A GOOD FAITH REPORT RATHER THAN FAILING TO DO SO.

The following is the link to the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Office of Child and Youth Protection web page which provides the Safe Environment Policy and Reporting requirements for suspected child abuse of a minor. www.archgh.org/ocyp

**TO REPORT SUSPECTED ABUSE OF A MINOR (person under 18 years of age)
BY AN UNKNOWN PERPETRATOR**

Immediately contact **Child Protective Services (CPS)** of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services **800.252.5400** and **Local Police Department**

**TO REPORT SUSPECTED ABUSE OF A MINOR (person under 18 years of age)
BY A MEMBER OF THE CLERGY**

Immediately contact **Child Protective Services (CPS)** of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services **800.252.5400** and **Local Police Department**

Diane Vines, Victims' Assistance Coordinator
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Email: vac@archgh.org or 713-654-5799 (confidential voice mail)

**TO REPORT SUSPECTED ABUSE OF A MINOR (person under 18 years of age)
BY AN EMPLOYEE OR VOLUNTEER OF THE ARCHDIOCESE**

Immediately contact **Child Protective Services (CPS)** of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services **1.800.252.5400** and **Local Police Department**

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1700 San Jacinto Houston, Texas 77002, **713-652-4499**