



**We work together  
as a community  
to keep our children safe.**

## **Mandated Reporters**

Under Pennsylvania law, any person, paid or unpaid, who works, volunteers, and/or comes into direct contact with children in a program, activity, or service is a mandated reporter and must immediately report suspicions of child abuse or neglect.

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## **Reporting Abuse at East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church**

## How do I make a report if I suspect abuse?

1. Call ChildLine at 1-800-932-0313 or file a report online at the Child Welfare site [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis). (*Legal requirement*)
2. Notify an ECSMC pastor. They will have you fill out an internal support form and walk through the rest of the process with you. (*Church Requirement*)
3. Within 48 hours of your report, submit a written CY-47 report with the Children & Youth services. The CY-47 may be completed electronically on the Child Welfare website (link above). (*Legal requirement*)

## Reporting Abuse

### What is child abuse?

Child abuse, according to the CPSL (Child Protective Services Law) includes any recent act or failure to act by a perpetrator which causes non-accidental serious physical injury, or non-accidental serious mental injury to a child under 18 years of age, sexual abuse or sexual exploitation to a child under 18 years of age, and serious neglect.

### What happens when a report is made?

The county children and youth agency must begin an investigation within 24 hours. A thorough inquiry is conducted to determine if the child was abused and what services are appropriate for the child and family. This must be completed within 30 days unless the agency provides justification as to why the investigation cannot be completed, including attempts being made to obtain medical records or interview subjects of the report.

-Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare