

Revised Resources for Clergy

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Mandatory Clergy Professional Development 2022

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ECCT policies every clergy person should know:

1. Model Policies for the Protection of Children, Youth & Vulnerable Adults (Safe Church Policies)
2. Model Policy on the Use of Alcoholic Beverages in Parishes, Revised 2015
3. Leaving Well Policy
4. Professional Guidelines for Ordained Ministry, Revised 2016
5. Policy for Parish Protocols for inclusion of those on a sex offender registry, Revised 2016

Mandated Reporting Requirements pursuant to Connecticut law:

All clergy are required by state law to report suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation of vulnerable populations as follows:

Children & Youth (under 18 years of age) to the Department of Children and Families; call the Careline at 1-800-842-2288. Back up number if Careline is experiencing intermittent outage is 1-860-352-9261.

- Call within 12 hours of suspecting mistreatment
- Within 48 hours of making the call file DCF form 136. Fillable form available on DCF website <https://portal.ct.gov/DCF/1-DCF/Reporting-Child-Abuse-and-Neglect>

Elders (60 years of age and older) to Protective Service for the Elderly at the Department of Social Services; call 1-888-385-4225 during business hours. After hours call 211.

- Call within 12 hours of suspecting mistreatment
- There is an optional form to complete on DSS website

Adults with an intellectual disability (18-59 years age) to the Department of Developmental Services; call 1-844-878-8923.

- Make call and ask which form is required to be filed

Canonical Reporting Requirement regarding suspected clergy misconduct:

All clergy are required to report to an Intake Officer all matters which may constitute an Offense as defined in Canon IV.2 that are material and substantial or of clear and weighty importance to the ministry of the Church, except for matters disclosed within the Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent. (Canon IV.4.1(f))