

# How and when to report child abuse.

## THE 3 R'S OF REPORTING CHILD ABUSE



**RECOGNIZE**



**RESPOND**



**REPORT**



The State of Tennessee requires all diocesan employees and adult volunteers to report suspected child abuse. At times, a person who suspects abuse may feel unsure about reporting abuse if the signs are subtle such as when a child's behavior or mood changes. At other times, when abuse is visible, the need to report can be very clear. Either way, the Tennessee Code 37-1-403 (a) (1) states: *“Any person who has knowledge of or is called upon to render aid to any child who is suffering from or has sustained any wound, injury, disability, or physical or mental condition shall report such harm immediately if the harm is of such a nature as to reasonably indicate that it has been caused by brutality, abuse or neglect or that, on the basis of available information, reasonably appears to have been caused by brutality, abuse or neglect.”*

Trained case managers respond 24/7 when you call the Hotline. You will be asked for the victim's name, addresses and names of family members. You will need to describe the situation, victim's condition, and any information reported by the victim about abuse. Please also notify the Catholic Diocese of Memphis Human Resources.



# Abuse Hotlines

Abuse Hotline 1-877-237-0004

Catholic Diocese Human Resources 1-901-373-1257

For non-emergencies, report online at <https://apps.tn.gov/carat/>.