

MANDATORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALL ADULTS

N.H. Child Protection Act – Reporting Law
RSA 169-C: 29-32

The New Hampshire Child Protection Act provides, in pertinent part: “Any . . . person having reason to suspect that a child has been abused or neglected shall report the same” to the Division for Children, Youth & Families (“DCYF”). RSA 169-C:29. The law requires that an oral report “be made immediately by telephone or otherwise, and followed within 48 hours by a report in writing, if so requested, to [DCYF].” RSA 169-C:30. A “child” means “any person who has not reached his eighteenth birthday.” RSA 169-C:3.

***Must Personally Report to
The Division for Children, Youth & Families at (800) 894-5533***

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHURCH PERSONNEL

When the above reporting requirement applies, any Church personnel who has reason to suspect that a child has been sexually abused by other Church personnel has additional reporting obligations:

When the Alleged Victim is Still a Minor

- Must Personally Report to***
(1) The Division for Children, Youth & Families at (800) 894-5533; and
(2) Local Law Enforcement; and
(3) The Delegate for Ministerial Conduct at (603) 669-3100

When the Alleged Victim is No Longer a Minor

***Must Personally Report to
The Delegate for Ministerial Conduct at (603) 669-3100***

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE DELEGATE

The Office of the Delegate for Ministerial Conduct will always make a report to the New Hampshire Attorney General’s office when it has reason to suspect that a minor has been sexually abused by Church personnel. In addition, if the alleged victim is a minor, the Delegate’s office will ensure that reports have been made to DCYF and local law enforcement.