

Safe Environment Online Training

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The online Safe Environment Training, Safe Environment Training 2021-2021, includes the following:

- National Criminal Background Check
- Diocesan Questionnaire
- Safe Environment Training Course
- Code of Professional Conduct

DIOCESAN OUTREACH LINE

WE ARE HERE TO HELP:

In response to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, The Outreach Line is an effort to continue the diocesan commitment to support healing for people who have been hurt or sexually abused recently or in the past by clergy, religious or other employees of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux.



THE DIOCESE OF
HOUMA THIBODAUX

Office of Child and Youth Protection
htdiocese.org/safe-environment (985) 850-3140

Mandated Reporting & Safe Environment Training



promise to **protect**
pledge to **heal**



Working to keep our children safe.

I Suspect Child Abuse or Neglect. **What Do I Do?**

If **CALL**

**abuse is within the home or
by a Licensed Daycare Staff:**

LA Dept. of Children & Family Services
Available 24/7 1-855-4LA-KIDS
(1-855-452-5437)

abuse is outside of the home:

Local Police or Sheriff's Department

Lafourche Parish: (985) 446-2255
Terrebonne Parish: (985) 876-2500
St. Mary Parish: (337) 828-1960
Jefferson Parish: (504) 364-5300

**If the child fears going home or you feel there is clear and imminent danger,
DO NOT contact the child's family. Contact law enforcement.**

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**the accused is *Church
Personnel representing
the Diocese of
Houma-Thibodaux:**

Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux
after it has been reported to the local police or Sheriff's Department.
Outreach Line (985) 873-0026
Victims' Assistance Coordinator (985) 850-3172

*Church Personnel (Priest, Deacon, Religious Brother or Sister or Seminarian, Employee, or Volunteer at a Catholic School, Church Parish, or other Diocesan Entity of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux)

The National Trafficking Hotline
1-888-873-7888
Available 24 hours a day,
seven days a week

**The National Center of Missing and
Exploited Children (NCMEC)**
(1-800-THE-LOST)
(1-800-843-5678)

www.htdiocese.org/reportabuse

Anyone **18 years** or older is a **Mandated Reporter.**

The Louisiana Children's Code (Article 610) specifies that mandated reporters shall make reports immediately upon learning of incidents of child abuse or neglect.

Types of Abuse

Physical Abuse occurs when an adult injures a child and it is not an accident.

Neglect is any maltreatment or negligence that harms a child's welfare or safety.

Emotional Abuse occurs when an adult subjects a child to verbal assault or emotional cruelty.

Sexual Abuse involves sexual contact between a child and an adult or significantly older, more powerful person.

This may include direct sexual contact as well as other exploitive behaviors such as:

- Inappropriate verbal stimulation;
- Taking or showing sexually explicit photographs of or to a child or youth;
- Exposing a child or youth to pornography or adult sexual activity.

Information you should have about the victim:

- Name •Sex •Telephone Number
- Address •Race •Name of Parent or Guardian
- Age
- Nature, extent, or cause of child's injuries or endangered condition

Information you should have about the abuser:

- Name •Address
- Telephone

How is Abuse Defined?

Abuse refers to an intentional act committed by a person in a position of trust which harms or threatens to harm a minor's physical or mental welfare.

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

Elderly Protective Services

Report incidents of abuse, neglect, and exploitation involving adults 60 and older.
1-833-577-6532 or 225-342-0144

Vulnerable Adult (under 60)

Reports of adult abuse (under 60)
1-800-898-4910 (toll-free)

Mishandling of Allegations of Sexual Abuse by a Bishop

To report an allegation of abuse or mishandling of allegations of sexual abuse by a bishop please visit the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service website.