

SECTION 5 - REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

5.1 California State Law in its Penal Code provides for reporting requirements for child abuse whether it is sexual abuse or neglect.

5.2 In addition, this diocesan sexual misconduct policy includes a reporting requirement that covers all incidents of sexual misconduct whether the individual believed to be harmed is an adult or a minor.

5.3 Whenever any person who is a mandated reporter, has knowledge of or observes a child whom the mandated reporter knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse or neglect, that person must make an immediate report to the child protective services, or local law enforcement in the manner described in section 6, and notify the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator.

(For a more detailed explanation of child abuse and neglect reporting, see Appendix I).