

# Wisconsin Mandated Reporter - Clergy Reporting Requirements

## What Does the Law Require You to Do?

Immediately report by phone or in person, to Child Protective Services (CPS):

\_\_\_\_\_ (phone)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (address)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (city, state, zip)

**OR**

**To your local police or sheriff's department:** (you may have more than one option)

_____ (department)	_____ (department)
_____ (phone)	_____ (phone)
_____ (address)	_____ (address)
_____ (city, state, zip)	_____ (city, state, zip)

**When you suspect that a child you have seen while doing your job has been sexually abused, or when you suspect based on observations you've made or information that you've received, that a member of the clergy has sexually abused a child, or is likely to sexually abuse a child.**

### ***Exception:***

A member of the clergy is not required to report child abuse information that he or she receives SOLELY through confidential communications made privately or in a confessional setting IF he or she is authorized to hear or is accustomed to hearing such communications AND these communications occur within the context of the disciplines, tenets, or traditions of his or her religion and he or she has a duty or is expected to keep those communications private.