

**As a community we  
are working to keep  
our children safe.**



### **Mandated Reporters**

Under Pennsylvania law, any person, paid or unpaid, who works, volunteers and/or comes into direct contact with children in a program, activity or service is a mandated reporter and must immediately report suspicions of child abuse or neglect.

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**Reporting  
Child Abuse  
at  
Community  
Mennonite  
Church of  
Lancaster**

# How do I make a report if I suspect abuse?

1. Call ChildLine at 800-932-0313 or file a report online at the Child Welfare site [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis) (*Legal requirement*).
2. Notify a CMCL Pastor or the Director of Children and Youth. They will walk through the rest of the process with you. (*Church requirement*).
3. Within 48-hours of your report, submit a written CY-47 report with the Children & Youth services. The CY-47 may be completed electronically on the Child Welfare website (link above) or downloaded from CMCL's website...  
[www.communitymennonite.org](http://www.communitymennonite.org) >> Congregational Resources >> Policies and Guidelines >> Child Safety Policy Documents.  
(you will need the "parrot" password)  
(*Legal requirement*).

## Reporting Abuse

### What is child abuse?

Child abuse, according to the CPSL (Child Protective Services Law), includes any recent act or failure to act by a perpetrator which causes non-accidental serious physical injury, or non-accidental serious mental injury to a child under 18 years of age, sexual abuse or sexual exploitation to a child under 18 years of age, and serious neglect.

### What happens when a report is made?

The county children and youth agency must begin an investigation within 24 hours. A thorough inquiry is conducted to determine if the child was abused and what services are appropriate for the child and family. This must be completed within 30 days unless the agency provides justification as to why the investigation cannot be completed, including attempts being made to obtain medical records or interview subjects of the report.

--Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare