

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON
Mandated Reporter Training Policy

In 2014/2015 the state of Pennsylvania enacted new legislation revising the procedures for reporting child abuse. Therefore, in order to strengthen the protection of children and to assure that all mandated reporters have accurate information, the Diocese of Scranton has established a new policy requiring all identified mandated reporters to complete an approved training course.

The following individuals in the Diocese of Scranton are expected to complete mandated reporter training:

- Priests and Deacons engaged in active ministry, Parish Life Coordinators, Diaconate Applicants, Seminarians
- Adult staff working in parish offices
- Adult employees and adult volunteers who, on the basis of the individual's role as part of a regularly scheduled program, activity or service, accepts responsibility for a child and has direct contact with children.
(I.e. Directors of Religious Education, Catechists, Youth Ministers, Youth Coaches, Youth Choir Directors)
- School employees (including substitute teachers)
- Employees of a child-care service who have direct contact with children during the course of employment
- Employees of a social service agency who have direct contact with children in the course of employment

The Diocese of Scranton requires all identified mandated reporters complete the online training course sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh. The training is no cost. The link for the online training is as follows:

www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu

Click on "Registration" at the top of the page to create your UserName and Password.

Upon completion, a certificate must be printed and submitted to the parish, school, institution, office or organization where the individual serves as an employee or volunteer.

If the individual has already completed this course or another training course that is approved under the PA ACT 31 or PA ACT 126 training requirements, they must provide documentation to receive credit.