

1. Overview

Saints Global adult volunteers are required by Saints Global policy to report suspected child abuse, neglect, or exploitation to appropriate authorities. In most U.S. jurisdictions, adult volunteers who work with children are also mandated reporters under state law — meaning failure to report may carry criminal or civil consequences.

This acknowledgment explains the federal framework, summarizes your obligations, and — once you select the state where you will volunteer — provides state-specific reporting requirements. Select a state in the picker to populate the State-Specific Requirements section below.

2. Federal Framework (CAPTA)

The federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) defines child abuse and neglect broadly to include any recent act or failure to act by a parent or caregiver that results in death, serious physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse, or exploitation of a child, or that presents an imminent risk of serious harm.

CAPTA does not directly require reporting; each state has enacted its own mandatory reporting statute implementing CAPTA's floor. The specific duties below vary by state.

3. What to Report

You should report any reasonable suspicion of:

- Physical abuse — non-accidental injury to a child.
- Sexual abuse — any sexual act or exposure involving a child; includes sexual exploitation and trafficking.
- Emotional or psychological abuse — patterns of behavior that harm a child's emotional development.
- Neglect — failure to provide food, shelter, clothing, medical care, education, or supervision adequate for the child's age.
- Abandonment — leaving a child without arrangements for their care.
- Human trafficking of a minor — any commercial sexual exploitation or forced labor involving a person under 18.

You do not have to be certain. Reasonable suspicion is the standard. Reporting in good faith is protected by statutory immunity in every U.S. jurisdiction.

4. How to Report

1. Ensure the child is safe. Call 911 if there is immediate danger.
2. Document the facts in writing as soon as possible: what you saw or heard, when, where, and the identity of any persons involved. Keep a copy for your records.
3. Report to the state child-welfare hotline or local law-enforcement, as required by your state (see State-Specific Requirements below).
4. Report in parallel to a designated Saints Global leader. Your duty to the state hotline is independent of and takes priority over Saints Global reporting.
5. Cooperate with any follow-up investigation.

Do not investigate the report yourself. Do not interview the child, photograph injuries, or attempt to confirm details. Those steps can compromise a subsequent investigation or prosecution.

5. Confidentiality & Immunity

Good-faith reports are granted immunity from civil and criminal liability under the law of every U.S. state and territory. Reporter identities are confidential by statute; they may be disclosed only in limited circumstances (for example, in a subsequent judicial proceeding).

Retaliation against a reporter — by Saints Global or by any other party — is prohibited and will itself be grounds for removal from the program.

6. State-Specific Requirements

Select your state or territory in the Admin Docs picker to load state-specific mandated-reporter categories, reporting timeframe, hotline, and statute citation.

Until a state is selected, rely on the federal framework above and contact the state child-welfare agency where the suspected abuse occurred or where the child resides.

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7. Saints Global Parallel Reporting

In addition to your legal duty to report to the state, Saints Global requires that you notify the designated Saints Global leader of any report you make. This allows Saints Global to take immediate steps to protect other participants, cooperate with the investigation, and meet its organizational obligations.

You will never be penalized by Saints Global for making a good-faith report to either civil authorities or Saints Global leadership.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Adult volunteer signature

By signing below, I affirm that I have read and understood the Saints Global Mandatory Reporting acknowledgment. I accept my obligation to report reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect promptly, in the manner required by the state law of the jurisdiction where I am volunteering and by Saints Global policy.

Printed name

Date (YYYY-MM-DD)

Signature

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This document does not substitute for legal advice. Consult your state's child-welfare agency and your personal attorney for questions about individual reporting obligations.