

## Warning Signs of Abuse in Minors

- No longer wants to see a **particular person** they had been close to
- No longer interested in **activities** they used to enjoy
- Changes in **personality**
- Demonstrates **aggressive behavior** or constantly angry
- **Withdraws** from family or friends
- Declining **academic** performance
- Tries to hide use of **technology**

## Warning Signs of Perpetrators of Abuse

- Tries to get minors **alone**
- Keeps **secrets** with minors
- Allows or encourages minors to **break laws** or rules
- Gives lavish **gifts** to minors
- Has **inappropriate** or suggestive conversations with minors
- Does not believe the **rules** apply to them (or, does not follow rules or protocols)
- Takes **photos** without approval, or asks minors to send them photos



## How to Report Abuse

If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, **immediately report** it to state/local law enforcement or the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or [txabusehotline.org](http://txabusehotline.org).

**Call 9-1-1 in an emergency.**

The Diocese of Tyler is committed **respecting the dignity** of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church.

Any current or past cases of abuse involving Church personnel should also be reported to civil authorities and the diocesan **Victim Assistance Coordinator** at (903) 266-2159 or [vac@dioceseoftyler.org](mailto:vac@dioceseoftyler.org).



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