

# Duty to Report

Confidentiality is essential to the trust of a group, but confidentiality can also cause harm. As a church, we have a moral and legal obligation to report certain things if we become aware of them:

## **If there is any indication that a minor (child or youth) is at risk of abuse or neglect, or if there is intimate partner violence in a home with a child or youth:**

- If there is immediate danger, call 911
- If the danger is not immediate, call the Ministry for Children and Family Development (1-800-663-9122)

## **If there is any indication that a vulnerable adult (someone with limited mental ability, dementia, or the elderly) is at risk of abuse or neglect:**

- If there is immediate danger, call 911
- If the danger is not immediate, contact:
  - For seniors, call The Seniors Abuse and Information Line (1-866-437-1940)
  - For those in assisted living, call The Assisted Living Registrar (1 866 714-3378)
  - For family and sexual violence, call Victim Link BC (1-800-563-0808)

## **If someone intends to harm themselves through suicide:**

Get the person to the Emergency Room of a hospital. Otherwise, call 911.

## **If someone intends to harm another person:**

If the danger is immediate, call 911

## **If we need help navigating whether or not to report:**

Reach out to a pastor at your campus and they can help walk with you.

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