

# Reporting Sexual Abuse or Misconduct

If someone suspects sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult, please call the authorities immediately.

## TENNESSEE

### Children and Youth

Call 877-237-0004 or visit the Tennessee Department of Children's Services website, <https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/dcs/program-areas/child-safety/reporting/child-abuse.html>, to report abuse or neglect. Reports also can be made online at: <https://apps.tn.gov/carat/>

### Vulnerable Adults

The duty to report abuse, neglect, sexual exploitation or financial exploitation may be found at TCA §39-15-509 and TCA §71-6-103. The exploitation, neglect, abuse of elderly or vulnerable adults are criminal offenses in Tennessee.

## GEORGIA

### Children and Youth

Calls are taken 24 hours a day by calling 1-855-422-4453. For further information as to Georgia law and procedures, visit <https://dfcs.georgia.gov> and <https://dfcs.georgia.gov/services/child-abuse-neglect>

### Vulnerable Adults

Reporting of suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation is mandatory. See <https://aging.georgia.gov/report-elder-abuse/adult-protective-services-aps>. Reports may be made by phone call to 1-866-55AGING (1-866-552-4464) or online.

# Diocesan Contacts

## FOR REPORTING ISSUES WITHIN THE CHURCH:

The Ecclesial Authority is the Bishop.

Bishop Brian Cole  
865-966-2110 (Diocesan House)  
bcole@dioet.org

In the absence of the bishop, the ecclesial authority is the President of the Standing Committee. Please contact the Diocesan Office for their information.

## FOR REPORTING CLERGY MISCONDUCT:

### By phone call:

The Rev. Canon Michelle Warriner Bolt  
865-346-4004

### By email:

The Rev. Canon Michelle Warriner Bolt, Knoxville, TN  
intakeofficer@dioet.org or intakeofficerknoxville@dioet.org

The Rev. L. Gordon Brewer, Kingsport, TN  
intakeofficerkingsport@dioet.org

The Rev. Dr. William McGee, Hixson, TN  
intakeofficerhixson@dioet.org

Ms. Laura Beasley, Athens, TN  
intakeofficerathens@dioet.org

*Please note: While the Intake Officers are noted by location, you may submit a complaint to any of the officers. General regional information is provided in the event that a meeting in person may be preferred. All Intake Officers are equally trained and equipped, and Canon Bolt coordinates and may assign officers depending upon case load or other factors.*

## BY WRITING:

Intake Officer (you may add a name from the above)  
c/o The Diocese of East Tennessee  
814 Episcopal School Way  
Knoxville, TN 37932