

Mandated Reporting: Recommendations

HARM TO SELF

HARM TO OTHERS

HARM FROM ANOTHER

- Follow your **STATE** and **LOCAL** guidelines for mandated reporting as a Biblical Counselor (clergy).
- It is recommended to have a signed release informing your counselee that if you receive information that they are suicidal, have harmed someone, or have been harmed by someone that you will inform the proper authorities.
- Biblical counselors **SHOULD** report physical and sexual abuse of a man, woman, or elder, and **MUST** report and abuse or neglect of a minor or adult with disabilities.

-If an incident of child abuse or neglect has never been reported before, it must be reported to the appropriate authorities, just like any other report of suspected abuse or neglect. This means that even if an incident occurred many years ago, the child is not at risk of further harm or neglect, or the child is now an adult, the incident must still be reported by your child's counselor.

- **SUICIDE HOTLINE:** 988 (call or text)
- **CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE:** Childhelpline.org or 800-422-4453
- **DOMESTIC ABUSE HOTLINE:** thehotline.org or 1-800-799-SAFE(7233)
- **SEXUAL ASSAULT HOTLINE:** Rainn.org or 800.656.HOPE (4673)