

## **Reporting Child Abuse on Campus or During a University Activity**

Indiana law **requires** anyone who witnesses child abuse, or has reason to believe a child has been abused, make a report to Indiana law enforcement. A child is considered anyone under 18 and abuse includes, but is not limited to, sexual abuse. If you believe a child has been abused on campus or during a university activity, this obligation can be satisfied by reporting the suspected abuse to the Valparaiso University Police Department.

Indiana law places an additional requirement on university employees who believe they have witnessed child abuse on campus or during a university activity. That requirement is to report the suspected abuse to their supervisor. Therefore, all Valparaiso University employees are **required** to report incidents of suspected child abuse on campus or during a university activity to their supervisor **and** the Valparaiso University Police Department. The only exception may apply to attorneys (and their assistants or legal interns) who learn of the abuse during the course of attorney-client communication.

The University will not retaliate against and Indiana law provides legal immunity to anyone who makes a report of child abuse in good faith to the Valparaiso University Police Department or their supervisor.