

Safe Environment Training Test
Component B- Receiving Disclosures and Reporting Abuse

Please complete the test below, circling the letter next to the most appropriate answer. When you have completed the test, please send it to the Safe Environment Program Coordinator, Diocese of Crookston, 1200 Memorial Drive, PO Box 610, Crookston, MN 56716.

Name: _____ Parish: _____

Position: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

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- 1) The four kinds of child abuse that affect nearly 7 million children each year in the United States are:
 - a. Sexual, Medical, Psychological and Neglect
 - b. Physical, Sexual, Emotional and Pornography
 - c. Sexual, Emotional, Physical and Neglect
 - d. Emotional, Physical, Medical and Neglect

- 2) All clergy, employees and volunteers working with children in the Catholic parishes and schools of the diocese are considered by the Church to be mandated reporters.
 - a. True
 - b. False

- 3) If you suspect a child has been abused, what is the first thing you should do?
 - a. Call a friend and tell him or her you suspect abuse is happening to a child.
 - b. Report the suspected abuse to local law enforcement or the child protection agency.
 - c. Call the child's parent and discuss your concerns.
 - d. Report the suspected abuse to a member of the clergy or the Victims' Assistance Coordinator.

- 4) When seeking to disclose abuse, a child or young person may attempt a tentative form of telling, such as indirect hints or disguised disclosure:
 - a. True
 - b. False

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- 5) If a child or young person tells you that he or she has been abused, you should communicate to the child:
- That you believe him or her
 - That abuse is wrong and that you take reports seriously
 - That you will try to help him or her.
 - All of the above
- 6) If a child or young person tells you that he or she has been abused, you should be sure and ask the child or young person if he or she is telling the truth.
- True
 - False
- 7) You are a youth minister at your parish. Sarah Jones is a 6th grader who likes to attend youth events. After one such event, Sarah discloses to you that her teacher at the parish school has kissed her and touched her in places that make her feel uncomfortable. After explaining to Sarah that what has taken place is wrong, that it is not her fault, that you believe her and will try and help, and after telling her that you are glad she told, you immediately telephone the local social service agency and make an oral report. On your way home from the parish you drop off a written copy of your report to the same agency. You have now done all that is necessary for someone who has received a disclosure of abuse.
- True
 - False
- 8) Members of the clergy are not obliged to report abuse even if they did not learn of it through sacramental confession.
- True
 - False
- 9) When reporting a disclosure of abuse to the civil authorities, 'immediately' means:
- sometime within the next six months
 - within a week
 - while the child or young person is still present
 - as soon as possible and within 24 hours
- 10) For mandated reporters, an oral report to the police department or social service agency is usually sufficient.
- True
 - False