



# Council Rock United Soccer

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## **MANDATORY REPORTING:**

Legislation has been enacted (effective January 1, 2015) to improve how Pennsylvania responds to child abuse. The definition of who is now considered a MANDATORY REPORTER of suspected child abuse has been expanded to include both paid and unpaid (ie: volunteers) who, on the basis of their role as an integral part of a regularly scheduled program, activity or service, accepts responsibility for a child or has direct contact with a child.

### **AM I A MANDATORY REPORTER?**

All coaches, assistants and trainers are now considered mandatory reporters effective January 1, 2015. If you do not perform one of these roles but meet the definition of a mandatory reporter (above) in your capacity within CRUSA, then you are a mandatory reporter. For additional information:

[http://keepkidssafe.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/document/c\\_137646.pdf](http://keepkidssafe.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/document/c_137646.pdf)

### **WHEN MUST A MANDATORY REPORTER MAKE A REPORT?**

Reporters must make a report of suspected child abuse if they have reasonable cause that a child is a victim of child abuse. Your identity remains confidential and will not be disclosed to anyone. You are also immune from civil and criminal liability as long as the report was made in good faith.

### **HOW DO MANDATORY REPORTERS MAKE A REPORT OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE?**

Reporters must make an immediate and direct report of suspected child abuse to ChildLine either electronically at [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis) or by calling 1-800-932-0303. Reporting up or within CRUSA is not an acceptable form of reporting. AFTER you report the suspected abuse you are required to contact CRUSA at [safetyofficer@crusa.net](mailto:safetyofficer@crusa.net)

Over the coming months, CRUSA/FC Bucks will be providing the training sessions and opportunities to facilitate an understanding of the new laws. We will be working with NOVA, EPYSA and Northampton Township to ensure our clubs compliance with the new Child safety laws.

Thank you for timely attention to this matter,

Council Rock United Soccer Association  
Board of Directors