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## Examples of Reporting Misconduct

### Reporting Sexual Misconduct Committed By a Teaching Elder of the PC(USA) or other worshipping communities

In the PC(USA), ministers are known as teaching elders, but they are not members of a church they are members of a presbytery and are subject to the jurisdiction of their presbytery.

Each presbytery has its own sexual misconduct policies and procedures, however all allegations of sexual abuse or misconduct against Presbyterian ministers will follow the procedures set out in the *Book of Order*, [Rules of Discipline](#) of the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

When the stated clerk of the presbytery receives a written allegation of offense, the presbytery will appoint a team to conduct an investigation into the allegation. This team has one year to make a decision on behalf of the presbytery whether or not to file charges within the PC(USA) judicial system against the alleged offender. [See list of presbyteries](#).

If you have questions about reporting sexual misconduct by a minister or spiritual leader of another denomination, please contact the Sexual Misconduct Ombudsperson.

### Reporting sexual misconduct committed by employees or volunteers

If you are a victim or witness to sexual misconduct by an employee or volunteer who is affiliated with the PC(USA), if the person who engaged in sexual misconduct is not an ordained minister/teaching elder, you should report the misconduct to the employer.

## **REPORTING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT COMMITTED BY Members, Deacons or Ruling Elders**

If you are a victim or witness to sexual misconduct by a member, deacon or ruling elder of a church affiliated with the PC(USA), you should report the misconduct to the Session of that church.

### **How to report misconduct if you are a Mission Co-Worker or a family member in the mission field and a witness to sexual misconduct**

Call the Sexual Misconduct Ombudsperson at (800) 728-7228, x5207 to make a report.

### **HOW TO REPORT SEXUAL MISCONDUCT IF YOU ARE A victim of SEXUAL MISCONDUCT by a MISSION CO-WORKER Or A FAMILY MEMBER or anyone else IN THE MISSION FIELD**

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