

Justice and Community Safety Directorate

News laws to better protect children from abuse, 1 September 2019

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From 1 September 2019, changes to ACT laws will mean that:

- Adults who reasonably believe that a sexual offence has been committed against a child, must make a report to police. Failure to make a report is an offence.
- Ministers of religion, religious leaders and members of the clergy of a church or religious denomination will be Mandated Reporters.
- Certain information disclosed in a religious confession must be reported by religious bodies to the ACT Ombudsman under the Reportable Conduct Scheme.

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