

06 Safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults' procedures

06.70 Death of a Child On-Site

Identifying

- If it is suspected that a child has died in the setting, emergency resuscitation will be given to the child by a qualified First Aider until the ambulance arrives.
- Only a medical practitioner can confirm a child has died.

Informing

- The DSL and/or the DDSL ensures the emergency services are contacted including an ambulance and police.
- The parents/carers are contacted informing them that there has been an incident involving their child and that an ambulance has been called, asking them to come immediately to the setting or hospital as appropriate.
- The DSL and/or the DDSL informs the board of trustees.
- A member of staff is delegated to phone all parents/carers to collect their children. The reason given must be agreed by the DSL and/or the DDSL. The information shared is the same for each parent/carer.
- The decision on how long the setting will remain closed will be based on police advice.
- Ofsted are informed of the incident by the nominated person and a RIDDOR report is made.
- Staff will not discuss the death of a child with the press.

Responding

- The DSL and/or the DDSL and the board of trustees decide how the death is investigated within the organisation after taking advice from relevant agencies.
- The DSL and/or the DDSL and the board of trustees coordinate support for staff and children to ensure their mental health and well-being.

Further guidance

[Supporting Children's Experiences of Loss and Separation](#) (Alliance Publication)