

Death of a Child

Policy Statement

Staff in the Service must be prepared to handle all incidents in a professional and sensitive manner. In the event of such tragic circumstance as the death of a child, the staff will follow guidelines as set out below.

Policy Considerations

- Community Services Guidelines

Procedure

- The death of a child must be reported to:
 - a) An ambulance service
 - b) The police
 - c) The Coordinator
 - d) WorkCover
 - e) The Department of Community Services
- Clear emergency procedure should be maintained for the other children at the Service.
- The Service will notify the parent/guardian that a serious incident has happened and advise them to contact the relevant medical agency.
- This information should be provided in an extremely sensitive manner.
- It is not the role of the Service to inform the parent/guardian that their child has died.

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