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## 6.07 Death of a child on-site

### Identifying

- If it is suspected that a child has died in Rainbow Pre-school, 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 ensures emergency services have been contacted; ambulance and police.
- The parents are contacted and asked to come to the setting immediately, informing them that there has been an incident involving their child and that an ambulance has been called; asking them to come straight to the setting or hospital as appropriate.
- The DSL calls the DO and informs them of what has happened.
- The committee are contacted and a **Confidential Safeguarding Incident Report form** prepared by the DSL and DO
- A member of staff is delegated to phone all parents to collect their children. The reason given must be agreed by the DO and the information given should be the same to each parent.
- 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 committee will decide how the death is investigated within the organisation after taking advice from relevant agencies.
- The committee will 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)