

Reporting Responsibilities for Foster Parents WAC 388-148

The following tables are intended as a guide to foster parents. The text below is condensed, full text can be found in WAC 388-148-1420 through 388-148-1430.

Report to CA intake (1-866-363-4276) and child's worker or CPA case manager or tribal case manager	Report to child's worker or CPA case manager or tribal case manager
Death of child in care.	
Illness, injury, or psychiatric care that is serious in nature, requiring medical treatment or hospitalization. Serious means potential loss of life or limb if left untreated.	Treatment by a medical professional for emergency medical or emergency psychiatric care, or; Unexpected health problems outside the usual range of reactions caused by medication that do not require professional medical attention.
Suspected, or disclosure of, physical or sexual abuse, neglect or exploitation of a child.	
Child's suicide attempt requiring medical treatment or hospitalization.	Suicidal or homicidal thoughts, gestures or attempts that do not require medical treatment or hospitalization.
Sexual contact between children not considered typical preschool play.	Any inappropriate sexual behavior by or toward a foster child.
Physical restraint alleged to be improper or excessive.	Use of prohibited physical restraint for behavior management.
Physical assault between children resulting in off-site medical attention or hospitalization.	Physical assault between children resulting in injury, but not requiring professional medical treatment.
Physical assault of foster parent, employee, volunteer or others, by a child in care resulting in off-site medical attention or hospitalization.	Physical assault of foster parent, employee, volunteer or others, by a child in care, not requiring professional medical treatment.
Any medication given or consumed incorrectly, resulting in off-site medical attention.	Medication incorrectly administered or consumed.
Property damage that is a safety hazard and not corrected immediately or which may affect children's health and safety.	
	Drug or alcohol use by a foster child.

Child missing from care reports	Report to licensor
<input type="checkbox"/> Notify child's worker right away, or CA intake if after hours or worker is not available.	<input type="checkbox"/> Address or phone number change.
<input type="checkbox"/> Contact law enforcement within six hours. Ask for the missing person report number and provide to child's worker. You must contact law enforcement immediately if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child is believed to be taken, lured from placement or has left placement and you believe child is at risk of physical or sexual assault or exploitation • Child is under age 13 • Child has physical, mental or emotional conditions that if not treated will place child at severe risk • Child is parenting or pregnant • Child has an intellectual and developmental disability that impairs child's ability to care for self • Child has a serious alcohol or substance abuse problem • Child is at risk due to other circumstances. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Damage or changes to structure.
<input type="checkbox"/> After contacting law enforcement, contact the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at 1-800-843-5678.	<input type="checkbox"/> Changes from original application.
<input type="checkbox"/> If you learn of child's whereabouts or child returns to your home, report to child's worker.	<input type="checkbox"/> Foster parent moving to a new location. Moves must be completed within 30 days of the foster parent residing in their new home to maintain a valid license.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Any significant change to home or people living in home including changes in marital status, separation from partner, arrest of anyone in home or having access to children, death of family member, people moving in or out, physical incapacity, mental incapacity or medication changes that may interfere with care, change in employment or significant decrease in income, or adoption of a child.

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Intake 1-866-END-HARM
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