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Responsibilities of First Responders to Ensure a Multidisciplinary Approach

- ☐ Check for signs of life
  - A. Signs of life-immediate EMS transport
  - B. If deceased, notify detective, county attorney & local coroner
  - C. Local coroner should notify DCBS/CPS, law enforcement & Public Health
- ☐ Identify & secure the potential crime scene
- ☐ Clear individuals from the scene, but no one should leave the location; document names, relationship to the child, & who discovered the child
- ☐ Document arrival time, weather, & activities occurring at the scene
- ☐ If CPR or first aid was administered, obtain details of who & how
- ☐ Request cellphones at the scene & check for text messages or photographs related to the incident
- ☐ After scene is secure, log all personnel who enter the scene & do not open or close windows, use the commode, or dispose of anything
- ☐ Obtain formal statements from individuals at the scene, visit pcaky.org/training/first-responder-checklist for additional guidance
- ☐ Check area for drug use, if law enforcement believes parents or persons supervising the child at the time of the incident to be under the influence, request a test of blood, breath, or urine
- ☐ Evaluate the need for a search warrant
- ☐ Await coroner prior to moving items or the body, does not preclude collection of trace evidence that could be lost if not immediately collected
- ☐ Photograph, video, document & sketch the scene
  - A. If water burns are suspected, document water temperature
  - B. Note appearance of child, clothing & environment
  - C. Photograph all injuries
  - D. Position of body, when & where the body was found
  - E. Conduct a doll reenactment
- ☐ Work with the coroner to ensure clothing, bedding, diapers, medications etc. as appropriate are included with the body removal

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Child Fatality/Near Fatality Checklist

Collaborations

- Obtain criminal records
- Work with DCBS/CPS to determine family history of abuse or neglect
- Obtain educational/ daycare records
- Obtain medical records & consult with pediatric forensic medicine

Scan for the extend report to find more guidance.

Coroner: _____

- **DCBS**: 1-800-752-6200 (M-F business hours) 1-877-KYSAFE1 holidays/weekends
- **Closest child abuse consultation program:**
  - Louisville: Norton Children's Pediatric Protection Specialists Affiliated with University of Louisville School of Medicine (502) 629-3099 or (502) 629-6000 (after hours)
  - Lexington: Kentucky Children's Hospital Division of Pediatric Forensic Medicine (859) 218-6727 or (859) 257-5522 (after hours)
- **Important numbers:**

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