

POLICY

Cancels: POL 10.1.17.T Reviewing Child Fatality And Near Fatality

See also: PRO 10.1.17; RCW 43.216; 110-300; 110-301

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POL 10.1.17 REVIEWING CHILD FATALITY AND NEAR FATALITY* IN CHILD CARE

This policy applies to DCYF reviewing child fatality and near fatality incidents in child care.

1. DCYF Must Determine If Child Fatality Or Near Fatality Requires a Review

DCYF must determine need for review using requirements found in Washington State law [43.216.650 RCW](#).

2. DCYF Must Facilitate Fatality Review Committee Meetings

DCYF must document committee summaries and recommendations.

3. DCYF Child Fatality Review Must Not Interfere With Any Ongoing Related Investigation

4. Child Care Senior Administrator Or Designee Must Review and Finalize Child Fatality Report Before Release

5. DCYF Must Post Child Fatality Reports On DCYF Public Website And Deliver To Required Legislative Committees

6. DCYF Quality Improvement Committee Must Review And Evaluate Recommendations Resulting From The Child Fatality Reports On A Quarterly Basis

*Near Fatality – an act that, as certified by a physician, places a child in serious or critical condition