

Disasters/ Emergencies/ Injuries

1. **When** to contact your Foster Care Licensing Social Worker and Child's Social Worker and complete "Incident Report for Foster Provider"
 - Accidents with or without injury in which medical attention was sought (i.e., accidents involving vehicles, bikes, sports, etc.)
 - Illness – serious enough for you to consider and/or seek medical attention
 - Natural or manmade disasters (flood, tornado, terrorist attack, etc.). The agency has a plan for making contact in such events to check on both the welfare of the child and foster family. So don't be surprised if we contact you after a disaster in the community.
 - Any injury or near injury involving the foster child (i.e., fall down the stairs, rough horseplay, etc.)
 - Unaccountable whereabouts of the foster child (wandered off, runaway, etc.)
 - Foster child has harmed or threatened another child or person
 - Foster child has gotten into a serious physical altercation
2. See Section 7 for:
 - Medical Hospitalizations
 - Medical Exams
 - Medical Assistance DNR Information
3. Emergency / exit plan is posted on the child's bedroom door. A mock walk through with children that are old enough to participate on how to exit the house in the event of a fire and where to gather is recommended. See "Making a Home Fire Escape Plan" – Minnesota Safety Council.
4. It is recommended that you have the licensing social worker and child's social worker's number posted in more than one place- child's bedroom door, on the refrigerator, and a location outside the home like that car, garage or shed.
5. Please contact the child's social worker and licensing social worker when it is reasonable and/or safe to do so after an accident, disaster or illness.
6. Additional resource information from the Minnesota Safety Council. Please visit <http://www.minnesotasafetycouncil.org/safekids/index.cfm>
 - Preparing an emergency kit
 - Home safety checklist
 - Tornadoes