

Figure: 26 TAC §749.503(a)

Serious Incident	(i) To Licensing? (ii) If so, when?	(i) To Parents? (ii) If so, when?	(i) To Law enforcement? (ii) If so, when?
(1) A child dies while in your care.	(A)(i) YES (A)(ii) As soon as possible, but no later than 2 hours after the child's death.	(B)(i) YES (B)(ii) As soon as possible, but no later than 2 hours after the child's death.	(C)(i) YES (C)(ii) Immediately, but no later than 1 hour after the child's death.
(2) A substantial physical injury or critical illness that a reasonable person would conclude needs treatment by a medical professional or hospitalization.	(A)(i) YES (A)(ii) Report as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours after the incident or occurrence.	(B)(i) YES (B)(ii) Immediately after ensuring the safety of the child.	(C)(i) NO (C)(ii) Not Applicable
(3) Allegations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a child; or any incident where there are indications that a child in care may have been abused, neglected, or exploited.	(A)(i) YES, including whether you plan to move the child until the investigation is complete. (A)(ii) As soon as you become aware of it.	(B)(i) YES, including whether you plan to move the child until the investigation is complete. (B)(ii) Immediately after ensuring the safety of the child.	(C)(i) NO (C)(ii) Not applicable

<p>(4) Physical abuse committed by a child against another child. For the purpose of this subsection, physical abuse occurs when there is substantial physical injury, excluding any accident; or failure to make a reasonable effort to prevent an action by another person that results in substantial physical injury to the child.</p>	<p>(A)(i) YES</p> <p>(A)(ii) As soon as you become aware of it.</p>	<p>(B)(i) YES</p> <p>(B)(ii) Immediately after ensuring the safety of the child.</p>	<p>(C)(i) NO</p> <p>(C)(ii) Not applicable</p>
<p>(5) Sexual abuse committed by a child against another child. For the purpose of this subsection, sexual abuse is: conduct harmful to a child's mental, emotional or physical welfare, including nonconsensual sexual activity between children of any age, and consensual sexual activity between children with more than 24 months difference in age or when there is a significant difference in the developmental level of the children; or failure to make a reasonable effort to prevent sexual conduct harmful to a child.</p>	<p>(A)(i) YES</p> <p>(A)(ii) As soon as you become aware of it.</p>	<p>(B)(i) YES</p> <p>(B)(ii) Immediately after ensuring the safety of the child.</p>	<p>(C)(i) NO</p> <p>(C)(ii) Not applicable</p>

<p>(6) A child is indicted, charged, or arrested for a crime; or when law enforcement responds to an alleged incident at the foster home that could result in criminal charges being filed against the child.</p>	<p>(A)(i) YES</p> <p>(A)(ii) As soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours after you become aware of it.</p>	<p>(B)(i) YES</p> <p>(B)(ii) As soon as you become aware of it.</p>	<p>(C)(i) NO</p> <p>(C)(ii) Not applicable</p>
<p>(7) A child is issued a ticket at school by law enforcement or any other citation that does not result in the child being detained.</p>	<p>(A)(i) NO</p> <p>(A)(ii) Not applicable.</p>	<p>(B)(i) YES</p> <p>(B)(ii) As soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours after you become aware of it.</p>	<p>(C)(i) NO</p> <p>(C)(ii) Not applicable.</p>
<p>(8) The unauthorized absence of a child who is developmentally or chronologically under 6 years old.</p>	<p>(A)(i) YES</p> <p>(A)(ii) Within 2 hours of notifying law enforcement.</p>	<p>(B)(i) YES</p> <p>(B)(ii) Within 2 hours of notifying law enforcement.</p>	<p>(C)(i) YES</p> <p>(C)(ii) Immediately upon determining the child is not on the premises and the child is still missing.</p>
<p>(9) The unauthorized absence of a child who is developmentally or chronologically 6 to 12 years old.</p>	<p>(A)(i) YES</p> <p>(A)(ii) Within 2 hours of notifying law enforcement, if the child is still missing.</p>	<p>(B)(i) YES</p> <p>(B)(ii) Within 2 hours of determining the child is not on the premises, if the child is still missing.</p>	<p>(C)(i) YES</p> <p>(C)(ii) Within 2 hours of determining the child is not on the premises, if the child is still missing.</p>

<p>(10) The unauthorized absence of a child who is 13 years old or older.</p>	<p>(A)(i) YES</p> <p>(A)(ii) No later than 6 hours from when the child's absence is discovered and the child is still missing.</p> <p>However, you must report the child's absence immediately if the child has previously been alleged or determined to be a trafficking victim, or you believe the child has been abducted or has no intention of returning to the foster home.</p>	<p>(B)(i) YES</p> <p>(B)(ii) No later than 6 hours from when the child's absence is discovered and the child is still missing.</p> <p>However, you must report the child's absence immediately if the child has previously been alleged or determined to be a trafficking victim, or you believe the child has been abducted or has no intention of returning to the foster home.</p>	<p>(C)(i) YES</p> <p>(C)(ii) No later than 6 hours from when the child's absence is discovered and the child is still missing.</p> <p>However, you must report the child's absence immediately if the child has previously been alleged or determined to be a trafficking victim, or you believe the child has been abducted or has no intention of returning to the foster home.</p>
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<p>(11) A child in your care contracts a communicable disease that the law requires you to report to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) as specified in 25 TAC 97, Subchapter A, (relating to Control of Communicable Diseases).</p>	<p>(A)(i) YES, unless the information is confidential.</p> <p>(A)(ii) As soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours after you become aware of the communicable disease.</p>	<p>(B)(i) YES, if their child has contracted the communicable disease or has been exposed to it.</p> <p>(B)(ii) As soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours after you become aware of the communicable disease.</p>	<p>(C)(i) NO</p> <p>(C)(ii) Not applicable</p>
<p>(12) A suicide attempt by a child.</p>	<p>(A)(i) YES</p> <p>(A)(ii) As soon as you become aware of the incident.</p>	<p>(B)(i) YES</p> <p>(B)(ii) Immediately after ensuring the safety of the child.</p>	<p>(C)(i) NO</p> <p>(C)(ii) Not applicable</p>