

72-hour Notification Policy

NAEYC Accredited Programs are required to notify NAEYC within 72 hours of the occurrence of any of the following:

1. The death of any child;
2. A critical injury or harm of a child caused by the action or inaction of Program staff or any adult connected to the Program;
3. Any suspected physical or psychological abuse of a child by Program staff or any adult connected to the Program;
4. Any situation that threatens or compromises the essential health or safety of any child; and/or
5. Revocation or suspension of the program's license to operate as outlined in the eligibility requirements.

For purposes of this Policy, a "Critical injury" is defined as an injury that:

places life in jeopardy,
produces unconsciousness or head injury
results in substantial loss of blood,
involves the fracture of an arm or a leg,
involves the amputation of a leg, arm, hand, foot, finger, or toe
consists of burns to a portion of the body,
or causes the loss of sight in an eye.

NAEYC will acknowledge receipt of all such notifications within 48 hours of receipt of the notification.

If NAEYC learns that a program did not provide the 72-hour notice as required under this Policy, NAEYC has the right to open up a review of the program and its accreditation status, which may include a verification visit at the program's expense. Such review may lead to a recommendation of revocation of the program's accreditation.

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