

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. Revocation or suspension of the program's license to operate as outlined in the eligibility requirements.
3. If one or more infant, toddler, or young two year old cannot be easily heard and seen at all times by at least one member of the teaching staff, the child (ren) is/are in a safe environment.
4. If one or more infant, toddler, or young two year old is out of the direct sight or sound supervision of all teaching staff for more than five minutes.
5. If a preschooler is out of the direct sight and sound supervision of all teaching staff, it is for no more than 1 minute, and the child is in a safe environment.
6. If a preschooler is out of direct sight or sound supervision of all teaching staff, it is for no more than ten minutes and the child is in a safe environment.
7. Teachers of Kindergarteners and school-age children keep these children within sight and/or hearing most of the time. A teacher may allow kindergarteners and school-agers to leave their supervision (out of sight and sound) for up to 10 minutes so long as they are in a safe environment.
8. Any suspected physical or psychological abuse of a child by Program staff or any adult connected to the program.

NAEYC will acknowledge receipt of all such notifications within 72 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 deferral of the program's accreditation.

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