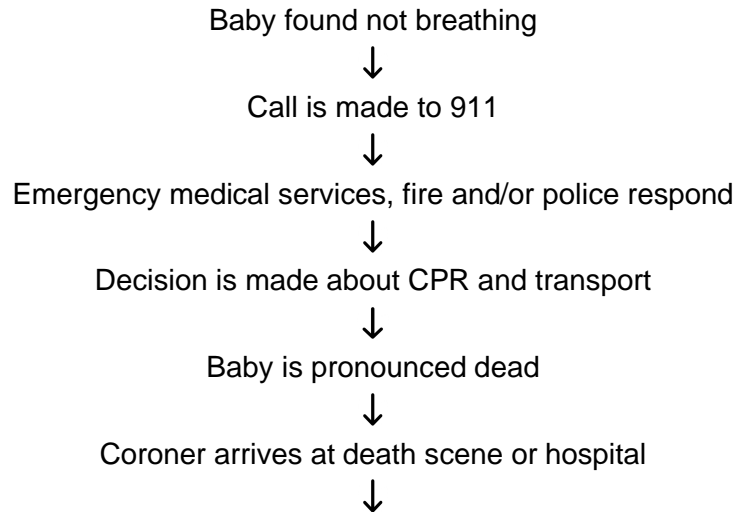


When SIDS Happens



Responsibilities as defined by California Law*

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Coroner

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- Investigates death scene
- Obtains complete medical history
- Has autopsy performed
- Notifies local health department **within 24 hours**
- Notifies parents of apparent cause of death
- Informs *California SIDS Program*
- Signs death certificate

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Local Health Department

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- **Within three working days**, contacts the family, childcare provider, and/or foster parents after receipt of notice from the coroner
- Contact may be a face-to-face visit, group visit or telephone call
- Provides support services:
 - Assessment of the family, childcare provider or both
 - Crisis intervention and counseling
 - Referral to community services
 - Follow-up care to assess the progress of the family, childcare provider or both
- Consults with infant's physician of record
- Submits documentation of services to the *California SIDS Program*
- Maintains coordination with the *California Department of Public Health* and the *California SIDS Program*

*Note: Reimbursable State Mandated Programs are subject to the annual Budget Act.



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