



NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT
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New Jersey Department of Children and Families Policy Manual

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Section	4	Information that shall be disclosed to the media or a member of the public during the child ... (N.J.A.C. 10:133G-4.4)	

§10:133G-4.4 Information that shall be disclosed to the media or a member of the public during the child protection investigation

(a) Unless prohibited by N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.10a or N.J.A.C. 10:133G-4.3, and upon the request of the media or a member of the public in accordance with N.J.A.C. 10:133G-4.2(b) and (c), information about a child fatality or near fatality that shall be disclosed to the media or a member of the public during the child protection investigation, prior to the child protective investigator's determination of the finding, shall include and shall be limited to the following:

1. The name, age and gender of the child victim;
2. The date of the incident and the date of the call regarding the incident to the Division;
3. The living arrangement of the child victim at the time of the incident, and, for a near fatality, the child victim's current living arrangement, if different. The Director or the Department's Office of Public Information or designee shall:
 - i. Disclose the type of setting, such as the child's own home, a resource home, or an institution;
 - ii. Provide the name of the institution, if the incident occurred in an institution; and
 - iii. Not provide information containing the out-of-home placement provider's or other caregiver's name, address and other identifying information or whereabouts if the incident did not occur in an institution;
4. Information about other possible child victims. The Director or the Department's Office of Public Information or designee shall disclose:

- i. The names of other possible child victims only when they are also fatalities or near fatalities with the child protective investigator has reasonable cause to believe resulted from abuse or neglect;
- ii. The relationship of each child to the child victim; and
- iii. The type of living arrangement of each child under the conditions specified in (a)3i, ii and iii above;

5. The nature of the incident. The Director or designee or a representative of the Department's Office of Public Information shall disclose:

- i. The nature of the alleged abuse or neglect, including, but not limited to, physical abuse, neglect, or sexual abuse;
- ii. The nature of the child victim's injuries, medical condition, and prognosis; and
- iii. The name and identifying information about the alleged perpetrator and other specific information about the circumstances of the incident only after the child protective investigator concludes the child protection investigation, substantiates abuse or neglect, and confirms a perpetrator;

6. The status of the Division's involvement with the child victim and his or her family prior to the child fatality or near fatality, including:

- i. Whether the case was in active status at the time of the child fatality or near fatality, in closed status or never known to the Division;
- ii. The Division office or offices responsible for each prior case opening;
- iii. The date and disposition of each prior call;
- iv. The date of each prior case opening and closing;
- v. The types of services provided by or through the Division, including any referral to a service not provided by the Division, without disclosing the name of any service provider; and
- vi. The date and approximate time of the Division representative's last contact with the child victim prior to the incident, and whether the contact was in person or by telephone;

7. Division action taken to protect the child victim and other possible child victims within the family or the household; and

8. The name of the Division office supervising the case or conducting the child protection investigation.