When SIDS Happens

Baby found not breathing

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Call is made to 911

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Emergency medical services, fire and/or police respond

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Decision is made about CPR and transport

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Baby is pronounced dead

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Coroner arrives at death scene or hospital

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Responsibilities as defined by California Law

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Coroner

- 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

Local Health Department

- 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 the infant's physician of record
- Submits documentation of services to the *California SIDS Program*
- Maintains coordination with the *California Department of Health Services* and the *California SIDS Program*

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