



## Notification of Significant Events to Other Agencies

There are Agencies that AFA must notify when certain events take place within its foster homes, or in relation to a child or young person cared for by its Foster Parents.

Should an event listed in the table in Schedule 7 of the Fostering Services Regulations 2011 (see link), take place in an AFA foster home or relate to a child or children living in one, the person receiving the information must immediately contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead, who is responsible for sending a notification to the Agencies listed. If they are not available, another member of the Management Team must be contacted who will ensure the Designated Safeguarding Lead is made aware.

Notifications will be sent as soon as is practicable, after the event has occurred and should be no later than 1 working day once AFA have been made aware of a notifiable event, having gained all the relevant information needed to complete this. AFA will ensure that all relevant Agencies with whom they work, are aware of this Policy and have access to contact names and phone numbers both within and outside of office hours.

All notifications will be monitored by the Registered Manager who will also ensure that any processes outlined by Safeguarding Partners within Local Authority's responsible for a child or children, are followed.

To view Schedule 7 Events and Notifications table (reproduced from the Fostering Services (England) Regulations 2011) go to:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2011/581/schedule/7/made>

### Connected Policies or Guidance

Name of Policy/Guidance	Relevant for
Foster Parents Handbook	Foster Parents and Fostering Social Workers
Safeguarding Policy	All staff and Foster Parents
Fostering Support Worker Guidance	Fostering Social Workers, Managers
Record keeping and Confidentiality for Staff and Foster Parents	All staff and Foster Parents

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