

FIRST RESPONDER'S CHECKLIST

FOR SUDDEN UNEXPECTED INFANT DEATH INVESTIGATION

1. ASSESS the situation and request additional support as needed.

Consider : EMS, supervisors, additional officers, coroners, and/or SLED.

2. IDENTIFY and SECURE the crime scene. Once scene is secured, NO ONE SHOULD ENTER FOR ANY REASON except those responsible for processing scene.

DO NOT TOUCH anything or allow others to do so.

WHERE was the child discovered? WHO discovered the child?

If you respond to a hospital, RELAY the information obtained at the hospital to an investigator.

3. CLEAR any individuals from the identified crime scene and try to prevent them from leaving scene before you obtain their information.

4. MAKE LIST of people present upon your arrival:

OBTAIN IDENTIFICATION when possible – include names, DOBs, addresses, and phone numbers.

Identify RELATIONSHIP TO VICTIM.

PAY ATTENTION and MAKE NOTES on what you hear.

5. Once scene is secure, MAINTAIN LOG OF EVERYONE who enters. Provide log to investigators and keep copy for your file.

