

§ 76551. Unusual Occurrences.

(a) Occurrences such as epidemic outbreaks, poisonings, fires, major accidents, deaths from unnatural causes or other catastrophes and unusual occurrences which threaten the welfare, safety or health of clients, personnel or visitors shall be reported by the facility within 24 hours either by telephone, with written confirmation, or by telegraph to the local health officer and the Department.

(b) In the event of any unusual occurrence, including serious illness or accident, impending death or death, the client's parent, guardian or authorized representative shall be notified promptly.

(c) An unusual occurrence report shall be retained on file by the facility for five years. The facility shall furnish such other pertinent information related to such occurrences as the local health officer or the Department may require. Every fire or explosion which occurs in or on the premises shall be reported within 24 hours to the local fire authority or in areas not having an organized fire service, to the State Fire Marshal.

(d) Any facility receiving a client exhibiting a physical injury or condition, which, in the opinion of the admitting physician, reasonably appears to be the result of neglect or abuse, shall report such fact by telephone, and in writing as soon as possible, not to exceed 36 hours, to the local police authority having jurisdiction, the local health department, placement agency and to the Department. Written reports in the client's health record shall state the character and extent of the physical injury or condition.

Note: Authority cited: Section 208(a), Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 1276, Health and Safety Code.

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