



4. If child abuse is suspected, refer to Coroner's Directive 21 on "Child Abuse."
5. If a death occurs where it has not been witnessed by a third party (such as a hot tub or swimming pool drowning, a fall down the stairs or off a deck), the Investigations Unit must be contacted.

C. Child Deaths

1. Child deaths are to be handled the same as infant deaths, except the SUIDS protocol will not be followed.
2. There will be instances in older youths in which drug overdose might be suspected. It is not necessary to contact the Investigations Unit if this is the case, but the on-duty sergeant should be contacted and advised of the circumstances. The sergeant will determine whether or not to call the Narcotics Unit, or to have patrol investigate further.
3. There are natural deaths occurring in this age range, unexpected, but natural. We have had cases of meningitis and sepsis. These cases need not be reported to the Investigations Unit.