

When to Notify Police on Death/Assaults & Sexual Offences

(URGENT & NON-URGENT)

The following can never be resolved internally and should always be reported to the Police, regardless of victim / family views:

Unexpected Incidents of Death or where actions of another may have led to the death
All Sexual Offences (regardless of severity) & Assaults

Any ongoing incident that presents a threat to life and/or serious injury, call Police - Emergency 999



All sexual incidents, regardless of severity should also be referred Adult Social Care where the adult has care and support needs *see below for relevant area number



Death

Murder

In any case of Murder, Attempted Murder or suspicion of either.



Unexpected death with suspicious circumstances

Unexpected Death with suspicious circumstances.



Unexpected death

Unexpected Death with no suspicious circumstances
Call Police – Non-Emergency – 101



Expected death

Expected Death with no suspicious circumstances

Police not required.

Assaults

Is the incident happening now, or has it just happened?

And:

Are the injuries serious or likely to be serious?

Injuries deemed to be serious, would be those more serious than: minor grazes, abrasions, minor bruising, reddening of the skin, superficial cuts etc.

YES

NO



Refer to Adult Social Care*

Sexual Offences (Regardless of severity)

Call Police: Non-Emergency – 101

Police response will be graded appropriately

Also Refer to Adult Social Care*

Medical attention for injured persons is ALWAYS the priority.

Preserving the scene/evidence comes second. However, if preserving the evidence please follow the Do's and Don'ts below:

Do

- Secure all medical notes, staff rotas, visit records/logs and care plan documentation.
- In all cases relating to sexual assaults, it is very important to keep safe.

Don't

- Touch / move body
- Dispose of / move any items (clothing, medication, personal belongings etc).
- Touch any belongings or items inside the room/property.
- Remove anything from the room or clean anything until Police arrive and advise that you can
- Not allow anyone to touch clothing: particularly underwear (of both victim and suspect)
- allow the victim or offender to wash / bath / shower

*Adult Social Care telephone numbers:

Southend – 01702 215008
Essex – 03456 037630
Thurrock – 01375 511000

If you suspect a crime has occurred, or there may be a risk to others DO NOT DELAY.

Report to Police to ensure victim safety and safeguarding of others is managed.