

# 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**



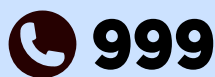
**ALL SEXUAL INCIDENTS, REGARDLESS OF SEVERITY SHOULD ALSO BE REFERRED ADULT SOCIAL CARE WHERE THE ADULT HAS CARE AND SUPPORT NEEDS**  
\*SEE BELOW FOR RELEVANT AREA NUMBER



## 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**

**999**  
and refer to Adult Social Care\*

**Refer to Adult Social Care\* and report to Police - 101**

## 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.**