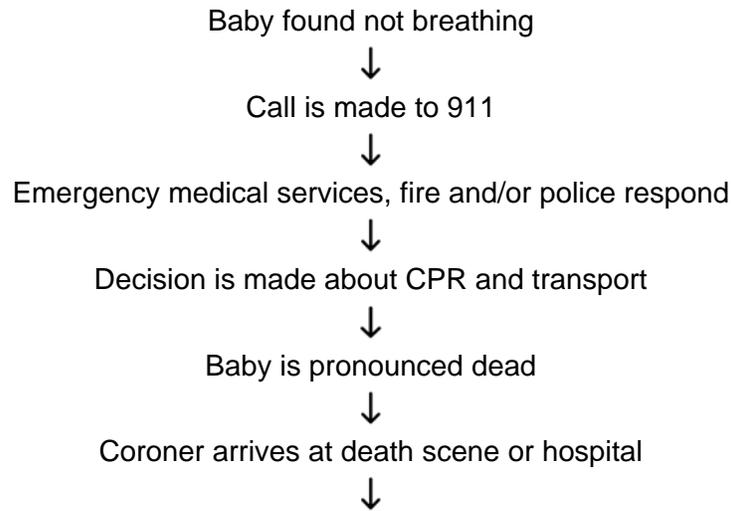


# When SIDS Happens



## Responsibilities as defined by California Law

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**Coroner**  
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- Investigates death scene
- Obtains complete medical history
- Has autopsy performed
- Notifies local health department within 24 hours
- Notifies parents of apparent cause of death
- Informs *California SIDS Program*
- Signs death certificate

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**Local Health Department**  
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- **Within three working days**, contacts the family, childcare provider, and/or foster parents after receipt of notice from the coroner
- Contact may be a face-to-face visit, group visit or telephone call
- Provides support services:
  - Assessment of the family, childcare provider or both
  - Crisis intervention and counseling
  - Referral to community services
  - Follow-up care to assess the progress of the family, childcare provider or both
- Consults with infant's physician of record
- Submits documentation of services to the *California SIDS Program*
- Maintains coordination with the *California Department of Public Health* and the *California SIDS Program*



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