

Reporting Unexplained Deaths

The Department of Developmental Services Autism Waiver Program is required to submit a critical incident report to The Office of the Child Advocate's (OCA) in the event of a death of a participant. If this event occurs, complete this form and return to an Autism Clinical Manager immediately.

Child's Name:	Date of Birth:
Parent/Guardian Name(s):	
Address:	
Date death occurred:	Location death occurred:
Who was present:	Your name:
Description what happened:	

Print name

Signature

Date

Financial exploitation

What is financial exploitation?

Financial exploitation is the illegal or improper use of another person's funds, property, or assets by a person in position of trust.

Indicators of financial exploitation:

- Lack of knowledge regarding where the money is going
- Inappropriate influence by third party
- Opening a credit card in the child's name
- Using social security number to gain employment
- Inappropriate use of SSI funds

Who commits financial abuse?

It is typically committed by family members, significant others, paid and unpaid caregivers, and more.

What to do you if you expect financial exploitation:

- File a 51 A with the Department of Children and Families (DCF). It is required to file an oral report immediately & follow-up written report within 48 hours.
- Notify the Autism Clinical Manager for guidance on next steps that may include but not limited to filing with the DDS Bureau of Program Integrity, Social Security, Medicaid Fraud Department, etc.

How to file a 51 A

- During Evenings, Weekends, and Holidays: Call Statewide Child-At-Risk-Hotline: 1-800-792-5200
- During Business Hours: Call the [local area office](#) covering the [city/town](#) where the child lives. www.mass.gov/how-to/report-child-abuse-or-neglectr neglect