

The Vermont Child Fatality Review Team

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The Child Fatality Review Team looks at the deaths of children in Vermont to understand why they happened. They study cases where a child's death was unexpected, unexplained, or could have been prevented. Their goal is to find problems in the system that might put children at risk, teach people how to keep kids safe, and suggest new laws, rules, or services to help prevent future deaths.

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Benefits of Child Fatality Review



Raising Awareness in Vermont

The Child Fatality Review Team helps communities learn more about child safety. It brings people together, provides education, builds support networks, and can help change laws to protect children.



Recommendations for Policy and Program Changes

By studying child deaths, the Child Fatality Review Team can recommend new policies and programs that save lives and help all families.



A Key Public Health Effort

The Child Fatality Review Team review process helps create strategies to protect children and make sure that deaths that could have been prevented are identified and addressed.



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A Team Effort

The Vermont Child Fatality Review Team was formed by the Vermont Legislature and is written into Vermont law under [18 V.S.A. § 1561\(a\)](#). According to the law, participation is required by several state agencies and departments. Team membership also includes members appointed by the Secretary of Human Services who are experts in child abuse or neglect, health, social work, child care, education, or law enforcement. The Vermont Child Fatality Review Team includes experts from different fields who work together to understand child deaths and find ways to stop them from happening in the future. Their work helps improve community health and prevent serious injuries in children.

Vermont Child Fatality Review Team Members

