

Injury Referrals from Child Care Licensing Officers to Environmental Public Health

Environmental Public Health (EPH) aims to minimize health and safety hazards to the public. EPH would like to engage with you to investigate injuries that occur involving children and youth with the goal to minimize future likelihood of such incidences in child care facilities..

Public health inspectors are available to do follow up on some types of injury and may be able to provide direction and guidance in attempt to prevent future incidents. The following is a list of more severe injuries and associated environmental factors where EPH would be interested in receiving referrals.

Injuries	Environmental Factors
Head	Fall from elevated structure (e.g. playground structures, windows)
Burns	Related to hot water, heat sources, cooking equipment, electrical and chemicals
Chemical exposures/poisonings	Ingestion, inhalation, or skin exposure (cleaning products, poisonous plants, paints, art supplies)
Fractures/dislocations/crushed extremities	Fall from elevated structure, injuries involving equipment/ structures (e.g. door operation, window, unsecure furniture, playground)
Punctures/severe cuts	Injuries involving sharp objects or structures
Animal bites, punctures, or scratches	On-site pet, visiting animals

The safety and well-being of children and youth are priorities that we all share. We look forward to working with you to help achieve this common goal. Please contact your local EPH office for assistance in incident investigation. Contact information on the bottom of next page.

For more information, please contact your nearest Environmental Public Health office.

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<i>Calgary Main Office</i>	<i>403-943-2288</i>	<i>Red Deer Main Office</i>	<i>403-356-6366</i>
<i>Lethbridge Main Office</i>	<i>403-388-6689</i>	<i>www.ahs.ca/eph</i>	

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