

Access Pilot - Response Time Decision-Making Tool

Respond within 24 Hours:

Results in 24-hour response time if no mitigating factors are present

- A. Report of sexual abuse and the child is likely to have direct contact with the alleged maltreater in the next 24 hours or exposure to the alleged maltreater is unknown
- B. Child needs immediate medical attention for a potentially life-threatening condition and needed treatment is not being received
- C. Child has a severe physical injury that appears to be non-accidental, unexplained, or explanation appears inconsistent with injury, and the child is likely to have direct contact with the alleged maltreater in the next 24 hours or exposure to the alleged maltreater is unknown
- D. There is no parent/caregiver providing essential care or immediate supervision and this poses imminent potential of serious physical harm to the child based on their age, ability, or developmental status
- E. Child's immediate and direct access to drugs could be lethal and parent/caregivers are not taking necessary steps based on the child's age and development to prevent access
- F. Child is directly, physically involved in domestic violence that could be lethal or involves a dangerous weapon, and the alleged perpetrator's location and access to the family indicates the child may experience violence again in the next 24 hours

Mitigating Factors to Consider:

Consider mitigating factors whenever 24-hour response criteria (A-F) are selected.

If a mitigating factor is selected, the result is 5-day response time.

- M1. Parent/caregiver or another adult in the home is demonstrating protective action
- M2. Child is in alternative safe environment
- M3. Alleged maltreater will not have contact with the child in the next 5 business days
- M4. Other reason 24-hour response is not needed: _____

Response Time Result - 24 hours or 5 business days

The following is intended for agencies to document their discretion to select 24-hour response when the tool didn't return that result (no A-F criteria are present):

- X. Discretionary 24-hour Response

Explain: _____

