



SAFETY PLAN

Purpose: A safety plan is used only when there is a specific threat to a child in the immediate or foreseeable future. The plan must be created with the family; must be written in practical, action-oriented language; and must emphasize the family's network of support.

Instructions: The caseworker fills out all fields on the form. The caseworker then reviews the form with each parent and caregiver who will sign it. The caseworker ensures that the parent or caregiver has read or understands the form and has initialed each applicable field. The caseworker will work with the family to arrange for a review of the plan. The caseworker then provides a copy to each person who signs the form. All persons involved in the safety plan must sign the form.

Family Name:

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STATEMENTS OF UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT

PARENT OR CAREGIVER		Initials
You (the parent or caregiver) agree that this plan does not conflict with any existing court order, or if you are affected by a court order, all parties affected by the court order agree to the safety plan on a temporary basis.		
This safety plan may be reviewed at any time, if either you decide or DFPS decides that a modification is needed due to a change in the family's circumstances.		
If you are unable to carry out this plan successfully, or your child is considered to be in an unsafe situation, DFPS may refer you for further services, may ask you to place the child out of the home until the situation changes, or may ask the court to order you to complete services or place the child in foster care.		
If you (the parent) are asked to place the child with a caregiver (in what is known as a parental child safety placement) and you agree, you understand that DFPS will share any information with the caregiver that is important for the safety and welfare of your child while the child lives in the caregiver's home.		
This safety plan will cease to be in effect when you are notified as such by your caseworker, or DFPS is no longer investigating or providing services to you or your family		

CAREGIVER (IN THE CASE OF A PARENTAL CHILD SAFETY PLACEMENT OR KINSHIP PLACEMENT)		Initials
If you (the caregiver providing care during a parental child safety placement or kinship placement) are unable to carry out this plan successfully, or if the child in your care is considered to be in an unsafe situation, the child will be moved to a different placement and further DFPS involvement may be necessary, including legal intervention.		

SIGNATURES			
Child's Parent or Legal Guardian: X	Date Signed:	Child's Parent or Legal Guardian: X	Date Signed:
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Other Party: X	Date Signed:	DFPS Supervisor: X	Date Signed:

Who Can I Call? (Who can I call if circumstances change, or if I have questions about DFPS involvement or this safety plan?)		
DFPS Caseworker's Name:	Phone Number:	Email address: @dfps.state.tx.us
DFPS Supervisor's Name:	Phone Number:	Email address: @dfps.state.tx.us