



If You Are Asked to Take a Child Today

A practical question sheet for grandparents, relatives and trusted adults when a child may be coming to stay with little notice. Do not delay an urgent child-safety response to complete this list.

Safety and authority

- ☐ Who is asking me to take the child, the parent, Child Protection, police or someone else?
- ☐ Is the child safe right now? Is there any immediate risk from another person?
- ☐ Who has legal custody or guardianship tonight and tomorrow morning?
- ☐ Am I allowed to consent to emergency medical care? What about routine care?
- ☐ Is there a court order, safety plan, written agreement or GACP document I should receive?

The first 24 hours

- ☐ Where are the child's medications, health card, identification and emergency contacts?
- ☐ Does the child have allergies, medical conditions, disabilities or important routines I need to know tonight?
- ☐ Who may contact or pick up the child?
- ☐ Is parent contact allowed, supervised, restricted or not yet decided?
- ☐ Who should I call after hours if the plan becomes unsafe or cannot continue?

School, child care and daily life

- ☐ Can I register, pick up or communicate with the child's school or child care program?
- ☐ What clothing, equipment, comfort items, phone or school materials should come with the child?
- ☐ Are there siblings who are placed elsewhere or important people the child should remain connected to?
- ☐ Are there transportation arrangements for school, appointments or parent contact?



Questions for the next few days

Money and benefits

- ☐ Who is paying immediate costs for food, clothing, transportation and school needs?
- ☐ Should I apply for the Canada Child Benefit, or is another government child allowance being paid?
- ☐ Is GACP being considered? If yes, who is my GACP contact and what assessment is required?
- ☐ Are there other benefits or reimbursements I should ask about before paying a large expense?

The plan

- ☐ Is this intended to be temporary, long term or undecided?
- ☐ Is reunification with a parent the current goal?
- ☐ When is the next meeting or review?
- ☐ What needs to happen before the child can return to a parent or move to another arrangement?
- ☐ If I cannot continue, who do I call before the situation reaches crisis?

Write down before everyone leaves

- ☐ Name and contact information for the worker or person coordinating the arrangement.
- ☐ After-hours contact number.
- ☐ Next meeting date and time.
- ☐ Current rules for parent and sibling contact.
- ☐ Any promises about funding, transportation, documents or services, and who is responsible for each one.

Immediate child-safety concern?

Call PEI Child Protection. Regular hours: 1-877-341-3101. After hours: 1-800-341-6868.
Call 9-1-1 for an immediate emergency.