

Wyoming Alliance for Drug Endangered Children's (WYADEC) Checklist for Law Enforcement Law Enforcement Response

1. Identify Drug Endangered Child

Complete	In Progress	Not Started

Take Emergency Protective Custody of all children found at an environmentally unsafe scene.

Complete a 72 Hour Hold form once a child is identified as a Drug Endangered Child. (DEC)

2. Contact Child Protective Services/DFS and transport child in conjunction with WYADEC protocol

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Remove child from further contact with friends or family.

Address all appropriate needs of the child in custody.

Assist Child Protective Services / DFS identifying any immediate safety concerns.

Authorize medical intervention for the child.

Ensure children are treated for full decontamination and/or treatment, unless basic life support becomes priority.

Transport children to the nearest Medical Facility immediately.

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2a. On-site decontamination for children (where an asymptomatic child has been removed from a clandestine meth lab)

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			Remove clothing from child/children as soon as reasonably safe.
			Bag contaminated clothing for disposal or evidence.
			Contact responsible agency to attain children's clothing for disposal or evidence.
			Shower child/children with warm water in safe, private area to decrease trauma (do not substitute baby wipes for warm shower for this will spread contamination rather than remove it).
			Provide child/children with clean clothing to change in to.
			Drape a cloth over vehicle seats to provide further protection before transporting child/children.
			Keep child warm with clean blankets, etc. during transport to avoid hypothermia in child.

2b. Off-site decontamination for children that appear ill or chemically contaminated (in the instance where a meth lab has been identified and the children that are associated with that lab are in school, daycare, foster home, etc. at the time of investigation)

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			Transport the Child/Children to the nearest Medical Facility Immediately.
			Ensure child/children are treated for full decontamination and/or treatment, unless basic life support becomes priority.

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2c. Off site decontamination for asymptomatic children (No sign of obvious chemical contamination on child, i.e. odor, chemical, etc., child is not likely to present significant danger to others coming into contact with the child)

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			Remove clothing from child as soon as reasonably safe.
			Bag contaminated clothing for disposal or evidence.
			Contact responsible agency to attain children's clothing for disposal or evidence.
			Provide shower when conditions enable to do so (do not substitute baby wipes for warm shower for this will spread contamination rather than remove it).
			Provide medical assessment prior to or after child's shower.
			Provide developmental assessment prior to or after child's shower.
			Drape cloth over transport vehicle seats to provide further protection before transporting child/children.
			Keep child warm with clean blankets, etc. during transport to avoid hypothermia in child.
			Do not involve other children from the school or daycare center unless DEC child has had significant chemical contamination.

3. Notify applicable WADEC discipline.

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			Contact Child Protective Services/ DFS
			Contact Prosecutor of Jurisdiction
			Contact Certified Clan Lab Processing Team
			Contact Medical Personnel
			Contact Fire Department

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4. Build case for Child Endangerment or Abuse charges (in the form of both a written report and photographs).

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			Take photographs of child
			Report on physical state of child/children including hygiene, etc.
			Report on emotional state of child/children
			Report the quantity and types of chemicals present, how they were found (uncapped, in bottles, etc.) drug paraphernalia, needles, pornography, etc.
			Report odors, and current state of lab (active cooking, decanting, drying, etc.).
			Report all people at the scene.
			Run criminal histories on all people at the scene.
			Report adult employment.
			Report adult behavioral description (paranoid, sleeping patterns, aggression, tweaking).
			Report adult drug abuse.
			Report evidence of surveillance equipment.
			Report height of child and height of any potential hazard, which includes chemicals, needles, controlled substances.
			Report substances, firearms, weapons, pornography, etc.
			Report condition of home, including living conditions (amount of food in storage/refrigerator, cleanliness of home, squalor, etc.).

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5. Submitting case to Prosecutor (after gathering all the facts concerning the DEC case)

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Advise prosecutor that a DEC related charge is also appropriate.