

## Indiana: 2022 Annual Report of Child Abuse & Neglect Fatalities in Indiana

The Annual Report of Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities in Indiana is the state's official record of child deaths determined by the Indiana Department of Child Services to have been caused by caregiver maltreatment or neglect.

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Victim: 5-year-old girl

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 7

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Father, Mother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: Father, 1; mother, 0

Circumstances: A 5-year-old girl died from a gunshot wound to the head. She lived with her parents and 6-year-old sibling. On the day of the fatality, the father went to work, and the children were home with the mother. While the mother was napping, the sibling took a gun from the family's safe and accidentally shot the child. The sibling was able to remove the gun from the safe because the key was left in the lock.