

Tennessee Department of Children's Services  
Child Custody Near Deaths

Calendar Year 2021 (January 1 <sup>st</sup> – December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2021)	
Custody Near Deaths*	
<b>Total Number</b>	0
In 2021, there were a total of 0 custody near deaths.	
* A custody near death is defined as any child in the state of Tennessee who is in DCS custody who has a serious or critical medical condition resulting from child abuse or child sexual abuse, as reported by a physician who has examined the child subsequent to the abuse. This is defined in TCA 37-5-107. The Department has elected to exceed the statutory definition to include more situations as near deaths. As such, the Department will record a near death for a child in custody if the allegation of abuse or neglect is substantiated and a physician reviews the case and determines the child was in a serious or critical medical condition.	

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