

SIDS Definitions

Sudden unexpected infant death (SUID) - the sudden and unexpected death of a baby less than 1 year old in which the cause was not obvious before investigation. SUID deaths include sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), accidental suffocation in a sleeping environment and other deaths from unknown causes.

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) – An exclusionary manner of death for children less than one year of age, indicating that all evidence (including an autopsy, death scene investigation, and review of the medical record) has failed to yield the specific cause of a natural death.

Sleep-related infant deaths- identified when a baby is found deceased in a sleeping environment and is found with his or her head pressed into the mattress or pillow, in the presence of a co-sleeper, found wedged against an object, or when an infant is found in other circumstances that may have contributed to the infant's suffocation or strangulation. Sleep-related infant deaths may also be classified as Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

Undetermined – Default manner of death when circumstances and/or investigation fail to reveal a clear determination.