

CAPTA Section 106(b)(2)(B)(x) requires states to have provisions which allow for public disclosure of the findings or information about the case of child abuse or neglect which has resulted in a child fatality or near fatality.

Information on child fatalities determined to be due to child maltreatment is provided when a request is made by the public and in accordance with CAPTA.

Per the Child Welfare Policy Manual, states must minimally develop procedures for the release of information including, but not limited to:

- The cause of and circumstances regarding the fatality
- The age and gender of the child
- Information describing any previous reports or child abuse or neglect investigations that are pertinent to the child abuse or neglect that led to the fatality or near fatality
- The result of any such investigation
- The services provided by and actions of the State on behalf of the child that are pertinent to the child abuse or neglect that led to the fatality or near fatality

The following report on child fatalities determined to be due to child maltreatment between SFY2014-SFY2022 has been prepared in compliance with CAPTA.

SFY22

In **SFY 2022**, there were five (5) child fatalities determined to be due to maltreatment. All fatalities became known to CWS when a report of suspected maltreatment was made after the child had died.

Child Fatality	Date of birth	Date of death	Date of Complaint	Age	Gender	Causes and Circumstances	Previous reports and services
1	04/18/21	10/13/21	10/18/21	3 years old	Male	<p>CWS received a complaint after child had died. CWS confirmed threat of abuse and neglect of child by his caregiver.</p> <p>At the time of child's death, child was in the care of his caregiver. DHS was actively working with caregiver. During a visit that DHS conducted to the home, caregiver shared that child had passed. Caregiver initially stated child had drowned. Child death is due to unexplained circumstances.</p>	<p>On 07/31/2021 CWS received a report of concern of then 3-month-old male child by his caregiver. Concerns for mental health and substance use issues identified for caregiver. Threat of abuse and neglect were not confirmed. Case was open when CWS received report of child fatality.</p>
2	05/29/18	02/28/22	03/01/22	3 years old	Male	<p>CWS received a complaint after a child had died. CWS completed an investigation. CWS confirmed physical abuse and threat of abuse and neglect of child by his caregiver.</p>	None

						At the time of child's death, child was at home in the care of his caregiver. The caregiver shot child and then subsequently shot themselves. Cause of death determined to be due to homicide.	
3	05/15/19	03/18/22	03/18/22	2 years old	Male	<p>CWS received a complaint after child had died. CWS completed an investigation. CWS confirmed physical neglect and threat of neglect by his caregivers.</p> <p>At the time of child's death, child was at a family gathering that was being held at the beach. At some point family members could not locate child. A missing person's report was filed with Honolulu Police Department, and emergency services were mobilized to search for child. Rescue responders located child in the water. Child was retrieved by lifeguards and taken to Waianae Coast</p>	None

						Comprehensive Health Center where he was pronounced dead.	
4	04/07/22	06/17/22	06/17/22	2 months old	Female	<p>CWS received a complaint after child had died. CWS completed an investigation. CWS confirmed medical neglect and threat of abuse of child by DHS licensed special licensed Resource Caregiver.</p> <p>At the time of child's death, child was at home in the care of her DHS special licensed Resource Caregiver. The night prior, the DHS special licensed Resource Caregiver had fed child and put her to sleep in her crib on her back with a blanket. In the morning, when DHS special licensed Resource Caregiver went to check on child, child was unresponsive and cold to the touch. Child was taken to Queens Medical Center – West where she was pronounced dead. Child had been sick for a couple of</p>	None for DHS special licensed Resource Caregiver

						<p>days prior to her death.</p> <p>Cause of death is undetermined, sudden unexplained death in infancy.</p>	
5	06/13/00	09/16/21	09/16/21	1 year old	Female	<p>CWS received a report after the child had died. CWS completed an investigation and confirmed medical neglect and threat of neglect by her caregiver/legal guardian.</p> <p>At the time of the incident, child was at home with her caregiver. Child had been fed a bottle around 0600hrs. At approximately 0700hrs, child was heard crying. When caregiver went to check on child at approximately 0720-0730hrs, child was face down on a pillow in her playpen and unresponsive. Emergency medical services was contacted, and caregiver began administering CPR until EMS arrived. EMS arrived at the home and</p>	<p><u>For Legal Guardian</u> On 11/03/2017, CWS received a report of threat of abuse and neglect of five (5) older children by their caregivers due to ongoing concerns for domestic violence. One-year-old female was not an identified victim in this report. CWS completed an investigation and confirmed threat of abuse and neglect to the children by their caregivers. Case was opened when CWS received report of child fatality.</p> <p><u>For Biological Parent</u> On 06/13/2020 CWS received a report of alleged threat of abuse and neglect of then newborn female child and her three (3) older biological siblings by caregivers.</p>

						<p>transported child to Kapiolani Medical Center where she was pronounced dead.</p> <p>Child had been sick prior to her death but no medical attention was sought.</p>	<p>Substance use concerns identified for parents, along with mental health concerns for caregiver. Caregiver made arrangements for newborn to be formally cared for by a cousin. She provided the cousin with a power of attorney. Cousin subsequently was granted legal guardianship on 04/28/2021.</p>
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SFY2021

In **SFY 2021**, there were two (2) child fatalities determined to be due to maltreatment. Both fatalities became known to CWS when a report of suspected maltreatment was made after the child had died.

Child Fatality	Date of birth	Date of death	Date of Complaint	Age	Gender	Causes and Circumstances	Previous reports and services
1	05/24/00	10/02/20	10/06/20	4 months old	Female	<p>CWS received a complaint after a child had died. CWS completed an investigation. CWS confirmed physical abuse of said child by her caregiver.</p> <p>At the time of the child's death, child was at home in the care of her caretaker when she reportedly was having trouble breathing. Caregiver contacted emergency medical services (EMS) and they responded to the home. Child was taken by EMS to Wahiawa General Hospital where she was pronounced dead.</p> <p>Cause of death determined to be homicide.</p>	None
2	07/01/20	12/14/20	12/15/20	5 months old	Male	<p>CWS received a complaint after a child had died. CWS completed an investigation. CWS confirmed physical</p>	None

					<p>abuse and physical neglect of child by his caregivers.</p> <p>At the time of the child's death, child was at home in the care of one of his caregivers when he began vomiting and became unresponsive. Caregiver sought out medical care for the child at a closed medical clinic. Emergency medical services (EMS) were then contacted and responded to the clinic where child and caregiver were waiting. Child was taken by EMS to Queens' Medical Center – West where he was pronounced dead. A medical exam revealed that child sustained multiple fractures suspicious of child abuse.</p> <p>Cause of death determined to be homicide.</p>	
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SFY2020

In **SFY 2020**, there was two (2) child fatalities due to maltreatment

Child Fatality	Date of birth	Date of death	Date of Complaint	Age	Gender	Causes and Circumstances	Previous reports and services
1	08/28/19	03/26/20	03/27/20	6 months old	Male	<p>Child Welfare Services (CWS) received a complaint after a child had died. CWS completed an investigation. CWS confirmed physical abuse of said child by his caregiver.</p> <p>On March 26, 2020 Honolulu Police conducted a welfare check at the family home after receiving a tip. Upon arriving at the residence, police found mother and child deceased. Injuries to child were suspicious of non-accidental trauma.</p> <p>Cause of death to child was listed as multiple sharp force injuries.</p> <p>Manner of death identified as homicide.</p>	None
2	04/01/08	05/31/20	04/01/20	12 years old	Male	CWS received a report of alleged medical neglect	None

						<p>and threat of abuse and neglect of child by his caregivers. CWS completed an investigation and confirmed medical neglect by caregivers.</p> <p>Child identified with a complex cardiac disease which involved a valve replacement and pacemaker. Child had not seen his cardiologist for 2 years and was admitted to Kapiolani Medical Center for a bacterial infection of his blood. Child was treated with intravenous antibiotics and transported to Packard Children's Hospital in California to undergo a heart valve replacement. Child died from complications while undergoing surgery.</p>	
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SFY2019

In **SFY2019** there were five (5) child fatalities determined to be due to maltreatment.

Child Fatality	Date of birth	Date of death	Date of Complaint	Age	Gender	Causes and Circumstances	Previous reports and services
1	05/30/14	07/25/17	06/26/17	3 years old	Male	<p>CWS received a complaint after child had died. CWS completed an investigation and confirmed physical abuse and medical neglect of child by his DHS licensed resource caregivers.</p> <p>At the time of child's death, child was residing in a DHS licensed resource home in West Hawaii (Kona).</p> <p>DHS received a report that the child had been wearing a pair of virtual reality glasses while having lunch in his resource home. Reportedly, the child had fallen forward onto a hardwood floor while wearing the virtual reality glasses. Child sustained</p>	<p>There are no prior child abuse/neglect investigations pertinent to the child's fatality. DHS resource caregivers have no prior child abuse investigations as licensed resource caregivers and/or as biological parents. The resource home general license has been revoked.</p>

						<p>blunt force head trauma and reportedly had at least one episode of vomiting over the next several hours before receiving medical attention.</p> <p>Kona police conducted a criminal investigation and requested a 2nd pathologist to review the autopsy report. The 2nd pathologist determined that the child's death was due to non-accidental head trauma.</p>	
2	02/08/17	06/12/2018	06/12/2018	16 months old	Female	<p>CWS received a complaint after child had died. CWS completed an investigation. CWS confirmed lack of supervision of child by family friend/caregiver.</p> <p>At the time of the child's death, child had been left in the care of a family friend. Child was outside playing when</p>	None

						she climbed into an above ground pool and fell in. 911 was contacted and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) were dispatched to the home. EMS transported child to Maui Memorial Hospital. Child was later transferred to Oahu where she was pronounced dead passed away on June 10, 2018. Cause of death was accidental drowning.	
3	09/25/02	10/01/18	10/01/18	16 years old	Male	<p>CWS received a complaint after child had died. CWS completed an investigation. CWS confirmed physical abuse and physical neglect of child by his legal guardian who was his caretaker at the time.</p> <p>Child was diagnosed with congenital toxoplasmosis and required 24/7 assisted care and was non-</p>	October 2010: Unconfirmed physical neglect and threat of neglect of then 8-year-old male by legal guardian. Case closed December 2010.

						ambulatory. Legal guardian had been caring for child since birth. Legal guardian was awarded legal guardianship of child on March 22, 2006, outside of the state system.	
4	01/31/12	10/31/18	11/01/18	6 years old	Male	<p>Child Welfare Services (CWS) received a complaint after a child had died. CWS completed an investigation. CWS confirmed physical abuse and physical neglect of said child by his caretakers at the time. CWS also confirmed physical neglect and threat of neglect of said child by his legal parents.</p> <p>On 10/31/2018, the child was brought to the Kona Fire Department by one of his caretakers after being found unresponsive. The child was then transported to Kona Community</p>	None

						Hospital where he was examined by medical staff and found to have suspicious injuries on his body. Cause of death was determined to be blunt force trauma.	
5	12/05/17	05/06/19	05/06/19	17 months old	Male	<p>CWS received a complaint of suspected physical abuse, physical neglect, and medical neglect. CWS completed an investigation and confirmed threat of abuse and neglect to child by parent. Case was closed</p> <p>Child was found, in the home, limp and unresponsive. Child's caregiver contacted 911 and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) was dispatched to the home. EMS transported child to Wahiawa General Hospital where he was treated and found to have life threatening injuries that</p>	None

						<p>were suspicious of non-accidental trauma. Child was transferred to Kapiolani Medical Center on May 6, 2019 and he remained hospitalized till he passed on the same day. Child was taken into police protective custody and remained hospitalized until he passed.</p>	
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SFY2018

In SFY2018 there were zero (0) child fatalities due to maltreatment

Child Fatality	Date of birth	Date of death	Date of Complaint	Age	Gender	Causes and Circumstances	Previous reports and services
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SFY2017

In SFY2017 there were four (4) child fatalities due to maltreatment

Child Fatality	Date of birth	Date of death	Date of Complaint	Age	Gender	Causes and Circumstances	Previous reports and services
1	08/05/12	10/10/16	10/10/16	4 years old	Male	<p>CWS received a report after child had died. CWS completed an investigation and confirmed physical abuse and physical neglect of child by a maternal uncle. Maternal uncle was subsequently incarcerated. CWS closed its case.</p> <p>At the time of child's death, child was at home in the care of a relative. Maternal uncle had not been residing in the home but came to the home. Upon</p>	None

						entering the home, maternal uncle stabbed child and maternal relative, fatally killing child.	
2	11/05/16	02/01/17	01/29/17	12 weeks old	Male	<p>CWS received a complaint of suspected physical abuse of child by his caregivers. CWS completed an investigation and confirmed physical abuse and threat of abuse by caregivers.</p> <p>At the time of the complaint, child had been at home when his caretaker put him down for a nap, in his crib, in the supine position. When caregiver went to check on child approximately 30 minutes later, child was unresponsive and was observed to have vomit in his mouth and around his neck area.</p>	None

						<p>Caregivers sought medical care at a nearby clinic where he presented with upper respiratory distress and was non-responsive. CPR was administered. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) was then dispatched to the clinic. EMS transported child to Wahiawa General Hospital. At Wahiawa General Hospital, a head CT-scan revealed a right parietal skull fracture and an x-ray revealed healing clavicular fracture and multiple bilateral rib fractures. Child also had extensive retinal hemorrhages to both eyes. Child was placed on a ventilator and pronounced</p>	
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						<p>dead on 02/01/2017 at Tripler Army Medical Center.</p> <p>Cause of death was determined to be battered child syndrome.</p>	
3	01/27/14	03/17/17	03/08/17	3 years old	Male	<p>Child Welfare Services (CWS) received a complaint after a child had died. CWS completed an investigation. CWS confirmed lack of supervision of child by her caregiver and caregiver's partner.</p> <p>At the time of child's death, child was in the parking lot of the family's residence when child was run over by a vehicle.</p>	<p>On 08/05/2016 CWS received a report of physical neglect and threat of abuse and neglect of then 2-year-old female child and her two (2) older siblings by their caregiver. Concerns for neglect and substance use by caregiver were identified. Physical neglect and threat of abuse and neglect were not confirmed. Case was open when CWS received report of child fatality.</p>
4	02/03/11	03/18/17	03/18/17	6 years old	Female	<p>Child Welfare Services (CWS) received a complaint after child had died. CWS completed an investigation. CWS confirmed</p>	None

						<p>lack of supervision of child by caregivers.</p> <p>At the time of child's death, the family was at a beach in the Waianae area. Child went swimming in the ocean and caretaker subsequently located child in the ocean drowning. Child was transported to Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center where she was pronounced dead.</p>	
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SFY2016

In **SFY2016** there were five (5) child fatalities determined to be due to maltreatment.

Child Fatality	Date of birth	Date of death	Date of Complaint	Age	Gender	Causes and Circumstances	Previous reports and services
1	02/13/15	07/12/15	07/06/15	21 weeks old	Male	<p>Child Welfare Services received a report of alleged physical abuse and threat of abuse and neglect of child by his caretakers and sitter. CWS completed an investigation and confirmed physical abuse and threat of neglect by his caregivers.</p> <p>At the time of child's death, child was in the care of a sitter. Child had been fed and put to nap on a futon. Approximately one (1) hour later, sitter heard gurgling sounds and observed child choking. Sitter attempted to clear child's throat. Child went limp. Sitter called medics and</p>	None

						<p>began administering CPR. Upon emergency personnel's arrival, child was said to be in full cardiac arrest. Medication was administered and child's heart began beating but child was not breathing on his own. Child was placed on a ventilator and transported to Kona Hospital. A CT scan of child's chest area revealed healing fracture to the 3rd, 4th, and 5th left ribs. Child was subsequently medivac to Kapiolani Hospital where he later died. Child had been sick and fussy for several days prior to his death.</p> <p>Medical examiner's office determined that approximately</p>	
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						one (1) to two (2) weeks prior to child being admitted to Kona Community Hospital, is when child suffered the broken ribs and a broken femur to his left leg. All injuries were determined to be consistent with non-accidental trauma.	
2	06/28/15	07/26/15	07/26/15	28 days old	Female	<p>Child Welfare Services received a report after child had died. CWS investigated and confirmed threat of abuse and neglect of child by caregiver and caregiver's partner.</p> <p>At time of child's death, child was home with caregiver's partner. Caregiver had been out and upon returning home found child on the bed next to caretaker's</p>	None

						<p>partner. Caregiver administered CPR and called emergency medical personnel. Child was transported to Pali Momi Medical center emergency room by emergency medical personnel and later pronounced dead. Cause of death was undetermined. Autopsy found no trauma or abuse. Concerns identified for possible unsafe sleep conditions due to bed sharing.</p>	
3	08/05/15	09/19/15	09/20/15	1 month old	Female	<p>Child Welfare Services (CWS) received a report after child had died. CWS completed an investigation and confirmed physical neglect by caregiver.</p> <p>At the time of child's death, child was at</p>	None

						<p>home. Child had been fed around midnight and then placed face down on a flat pillow in the middle of caregivers' bed. Child was in bed with both caregivers. At approximately 0800hrs caretaker awoke to find their older child in bed lying partially atop the 1-month-old child who was still face down on the bed. Child was not breathing. Caretaker contacted 911 and administered CPR until emergency personnel arrived. Child was pronounced dead at the family home by emergency personnel.</p>	
4	07/18/15	06/24/16	06/27/16	11 months old	Male	<p>Child Welfare Services (CWS) received a report after child had died. CWS</p>	None

					<p>investigated and confirmed physical abuse by caregiver and caregiver's partner.</p> <p>At the time of child's death, child was at home with caregiver and caregiver's partner. At approximately 2300hrs caregiver and child were laying on the floor watching television. At approximately 0200hrs caretaker left the home to pick up food. Child remained on the floor and caregiver's partner was at home with the child. Approximately one (1) hour later, child was heard gagging and seen throwing up. Caregiver's partner cleaned the child, gave him a bath, put clean clothes on the child and then fed child another bottle. When</p>	
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						<p>caregiver's partner went to put child down to sleep, child was observed breathing "funny". Caregiver's partner called caregiver and caregiver returned home. Caregiver noticed child was cold and called emergency medical services (EMS). EMS arrived at the family home and transported child to Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center where child was later pronounced dead.</p> <p>An autopsy was conducted and revealed multiple rib fractures and internal organ damage to child.</p>	
5	09/05/06	06/28/16	06/28/16	9 years old	Female	<p>CWS received a complaint after a child had died. CWS completed an</p>	<p><u>August 2009:</u> Confirmed threat of abuse to child by mother. Child was determined to by</p>

					<p>investigation. CWS confirmed physical neglect, medical neglect, failure to thrive, psychological abuse, psychological neglect and physical abuse of said child by her mother, father, and maternal grandmother. Additionally, CWS confirmed threatened neglect of the child by a maternal second cousin.</p> <p>On June 28, 2016, the child was experiencing a medical emergency. EMS and police responded. The child appeared to be malnourished and it was believed that she was starved. At that time, the child has been in the care of her maternal grandmother by power of attorney.</p>	<p>the target child. Child remained in foster care until she was reunited with parents in 2011. Four weeks after reunification, mother noted she could not care for child and arranged for child to be cared for by maternal grandmother via power of attorney. Mother noted that this decision was based on child having negative experiences in foster care.</p> <p>Maternal grandmother was assessed as minimally safe and appropriate at the time with services to support relative placement. CWS completed a safety plan with existing providers, which included parents, maternal grandmother, DOH, DOE and therapists prior to case closure. CWS continued to provide services to maternal grandmother and child to address personal stresses and parenting. DOH wrapped them in in-home services. It</p>
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						<p>was agreed by all providers that should services for child cease, they were to file a report to the CWS intake hotline.</p> <p>The case was closed after nearly 2 years in June 2013.</p> <p><u>January 2009:</u> Confirmed failure to thrive to child by mother and father. Child had lost 4 pounds in the previous two years due to inadequate caloric intake. Child was placed into foster custody.</p> <p>Services provided to the family following this investigation and after the subsequent intake include: 'Ohana Conferences, evaluations for mother and father, parenting assessments for mother and father, attachment assessment for mother, parenting education by CWS contractor and other providers, MDTs, DOH and DOE services for children, and domestic violence</p>
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							<p>services for parents.</p> <p><u>August 2008:</u> Unconfirmed physical abuse and threat of abuse to child by mother. Unconfirmed physical neglect and failure to protect child by mother. Case was closed in December 2008.</p> <p><u>August 2006:</u> There were safety concerns around the time of the child's birth. Child was placed temporarily in foster care due to these concerns. The case was closed in May 2008.</p>
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In **SFY2015** there were two (2) child fatalities determined to be due to maltreatment. Both fatalities became known to CWS after the child had died.

Child Fatality	Date of birth	Date of death	Date of Complaint	Age	Gender	Causes and Circumstances	Previous reports and services
1	03/05/11	10/21/14	10/21/14	3 years old	Female	<p>Child Welfare Services (CWS) received a report after child had died. CWS investigated and confirmed physical abuse and physical neglect by caregiver and caregiver's partner.</p> <p>At the time of child's death, child was at home in the care of caregiver's partner. Child was brought for medical attention to the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center's Emergency Room by caregiver's partner. The history given, at the time, was that child had been brushing her teeth when she became weak and fell.</p>	None

						At the emergency room, child was diagnosed with a fractured rib, lacerations, and vaginal and anal injuries. Child presented with diabetic ketoacidosis, liver damage, and internal bleeding. A hematoma subsequently developed with child was in the emergency room. Child died while in the emergency room. Injuries were considered suspicious.	
2	11/26/14	11/26/14	11/27/14	Newborn (less than 24 hours old)	Female	Child Welfare Services (CWS) received a report after a child died. CWS investigated and confirmed physical abuse of child by her caregiver and case was closed. Caregivers were visiting Hawaii from another country.	None

						Mother gave birth to newborn in the bathroom of the couple's hotel room. At the time, father was out. Housekeeping staff discovered newborn in the toilet. Medical examiner's office listed cause of death as asphyxiation and homicide. Police opened a homicide investigation.	
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SFY2014

In **SFY2014** there were two (2) child fatalities determined to be due to maltreatment.

Child Fatality	Date of birth	Date of death	Date of Complaint	Age	Gender	Causes and Circumstances	Previous reports and services
1	05/07/12	11/27/13	11/25/13	18 months old	Male	<p>Child Welfare Services (CWS) received a report after child had died. CWS investigated and confirmed physical abuse and threat of abuse. Case was closed.</p> <p>At the time of child's death, child had been in the care of relatives, through an informal arrangement, since 10/31/2013 due to parents' unstable housing. On November 25, 2013, relative contacted EMS after child was observed unresponsive and having difficulty breathing and suffering from seizures. Child was transported to Kona</p>	None

						<p>Community Hospital. At the hospital, child was found to have extensive bruising around neck and face, scratch behind right ear, both ears bruised cartilage and a subdural hematoma and shifted brain. History given was that child had fallen 2 days ago while leaning on stroller and "face planted". At the time child fell, child was said to have sustained only a swollen lip and bruised jaw. The attending physician at Kona Hospital said that the explanation did not match the injuries, which were indicative of child maltreatment. Child subsequently died from injuries determined to be non-accidental.</p>	
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2	10/10/13	05/26/14	05/24/14	7 months old	Male	<p>Child Welfare Services (CWS) received a report of alleged physical abuse and neglect of child. CWS completed an investigation and confirmed physical neglect of child by his caregivers. CWS closed its case.</p> <p>At the time of the incident, child was being given a bath in the kitchen sink. Both caregivers were home. Caregiver turned around to get something to dry child off and child was said to have fallen onto the hard tile floor approximately 3.5 feet. At the time of the incident, caregivers sought medical attention for the child at Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center. Child was released to</p>	None
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						<p>caregivers. Shortly after being at home, child was turning blue, so caregivers brought child back for further medical attention at Queens Medical Center – West Oahu. Child was diagnosed with a skull fracture and brain bleed. Child was then transferred to Queens Medical Center – Honolulu to undergo surgery for a brain bleed. Child died on May 26, 2014 after caregivers' decision to remove him from life support. Medical examiner determined that child's fall was fatal due to hitting a particular spot on his head. Child died from head injury.</p>	
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