Delaware Sudden Death in the Young

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What is Sudden Death in the Young?

- Reviews sudden deaths among children ages 0-17 that occur without an immediate explanation
- Examines what happened and why to identify opportunities to prevent similar deaths



What Factors Are Examined?

Sleep Environment and Practices	Child and Maternal Health	Familial Relationships	Physical and Social Environments	Access to Healthcare/ Programs

2025 Key Findings

- 17 cases were reviewed in 2025.
- 11 of these cases were related to unsafe sleep.
- Unsafe sleep deaths often involved multiple overlapping risks (e.g., soft bedding and cosleeping).
- Delaware averaged about one unsafe sleep-related infant death per month.

Review Process

1. Sudden Death Occurs
2. Case Review
3. Identify Contributing Factors
4. Develop Recommendations
5. Strengthen Prevention

What's Next?

- Make family friendly resources for Cribs for Kids available in Spanish and Haitian Creole

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