

When to Schedule a Team Decision Making Meeting



A TDM Meeting is required if:

1. Evidence of a **safety threat** has been established.

*A **safety threat** has been established when the worker is able to articulate a specific caregiver action or inaction that is directly causing the threat to child safety—and the worker has done enough investigative work to identify evidence. Note: There will be times when a child will be have been separated by law enforcement without establishment of evidence of safety threat by the agency/(worker).*

2. **Separation is being considered** to protect the child.

Child has experienced emergency separation through Voluntary Placement or Law Enforcement AND evidence of safety threat has been established **so further separation is being considered**.

(Do not include times child has been separated by law enforcement without establishment of evidence of safety threat.)

Child is not currently separated BUT separation continues to be considered due to an unresolved safety threat and insufficient safety plan.

(Do not include when safety plan is strong or safety threat has already been resolved)

and shall occur:

In the event of an emergency separation within the next business day and before court

Before separation, when separation did not occur