It’s the Law: Reporting Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI)

What to Report
You are required **BY LAW** to report to Public Health the following adverse events that may occur following immunization.

**Serious Adverse Events**

**Report within 1 working day**
Any serious reaction that:
- Is life-threatening — e.g., anaphylaxis, Guillain-Barré Syndrome
- Causes or prolongs hospitalization ≥ 24 hours
- Results in permanent disability or congenital malformation
- Is fatal

**Other Adverse Events**

**Report within 5 working days**
- Neurological events including febrile and afebrile convulsions
- Associated events where medical attention is required
- Events where consideration must be given to postpone or contraindicate future immunizations
- Unexpected events with no alternative explanation

What NOT to Report

*Do not report minor expected reactions such as localized tenderness, as outlined in the product monograph, unless they are more severe or more frequent than expected.*

How to Report

1. Consult your local Public Health office to determine if an AEFI form should be completed.
3. Send the completed form to your local Public Health office.

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