

What do I need to report?

New sentinel event categories from 1 July 2019

1 Surgery or other invasive procedure performed on the wrong site resulting in serious harm or death

7 Medication error resulting in serious harm or death

2 Surgery or other invasive procedure performed on the wrong patient resulting in serious harm or death

8 Use of physical or mechanical restraint resulting in serious harm or death

3 Wrong surgical or other procedure performed on a patient resulting in serious harm or death

9 Discharge or release of an infant or child to an unauthorised person

4 Unintended retention of a foreign object in a patient after surgery or other invasive procedure resulting in serious harm or death

10 Use of an incorrectly positioned oro- or naso-gastric tube resulting in serious harm or death

5 Haemolytic blood transfusion reaction resulting from ABO incompatibility resulting in serious harm or death

11 All other adverse patient safety events resulting in serious harm or death

6 Suspected suicide of a patient in an acute psychiatric unit or acute psychiatric ward

For assistance, contact the Incident Response Team by calling 9096 1546 or emailing sentinel.events@safercare.vic.gov.au