New family law Critical Incident List

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Media Release: New family law Critical Incident List to help make arrangements for children during a time of crisis

The Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia have issued a statement about a new process to helpmake arrangements for children where no parent is available as a result of death, critical injury, or incarceration relating to family violence:

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Court orders are often needed during these times of crisis. The Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia can make orders about where children live, as well as orders for parental responsibility which will enable non-parent carers to make appropriate arrangements for children, including enrolling children in school and organising and consenting to medical treatment.

The Chief Justice of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, the Hon Will Alstergren, said that establishing the Critical Incident List is a small, but hopefully effective, way to help families during a time of crisis.

“Family violence is a national disgrace, and far too often, results in the death of a parent at the hands of their partner or former partner. Australia has witnessed too many situations in which children are left without the care of their biological or legal parent following the murder of one parent and the death or incarceration of the other.”

“It is an extraordinarily tragic and stressful time for the children involved, and the extended family members who are suddenly left to pick up the pieces and care for the children and make arrangements for their health and education.”

“The Court has established the Critical Incident List following consultation with the QHVSG, and we thank them for their assistance and work in providing support to victims of crime.”

The full statement can be found here.

Should you have a query about obtaining parenting or property orders in the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, please contact our Family Law lawyers on 9635 7966 or by using the CONTACT US or LIVE CHAT facilities on this website.