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Adoption Specialist and Adoption Supervisor and Adoption Administrator

1. Confer and decide whether a situation exists that warrants removal of the child from the adoptive home. This may be either an abuse/neglect situation or a level of care issue;
2. If removal is warranted and the child has been placed for adoption, decides which of the following removal methods should be used:
 - a. Law enforcement may take emergency protective custody (Section 20-7-610 of the SC Code of Laws); or
 - b. Family Court may issue an ex-parte order removing the child from the adoptive home prior to the actual removal. A court order is necessary even if the agency has custody of the child (see SC Code of Laws, Section 20-7-1738); and

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3. If law enforcement involvement is needed, calls the appropriate law enforcement agency and accompanies the assigned officer to the adoptive home; or
4. If a court order is needed, consults with the county DSS attorney and provides the information necessary to present to the court.

Referenced Documents

SC Code of Laws

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