

**232.79B Safety plans.**

1. For the purposes of [this section](#), “*safety plan*” means a short-term, time-limited agreement entered into between the department and a child’s parent or guardian designed to address signs of imminent or impending danger to a child identified by the department.

2. Upon the department’s determination that potential harm to a child may be mitigated by the development of a safety plan, the department may enter into a safety plan with the child’s parent or guardian.

3. A safety plan shall not be construed as a removal from parental or guardian custody absent a court order placing the child with a person or facility other than the parent or guardian who entered into the safety plan.

4. The department shall adopt rules to implement [this section](#).

[2022 Acts, ch 1098, §29, 93; 2023 Acts, ch 140, §2](#)

Section applies beginning on the effective date specified in rules adopted by the department of health and human services pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) to implement the section; 2022 Acts, ch 1098, §93

Subsections 1, 2, and 3 amended