REPORTABLE EVENTS

A Reportable Event is any incident or change that happens throughout the course of research that may impact the participants or the conduct of the study.

1. REVIEW REPORTING CRITERIA

For more information on Reportable Events, including detailed descriptions of each category and reporting criteria, visit the following webpages:

- CHREB: https://www.ucalgary.ca/research/researchers/ethics-compliance/chreb
- CFREB: https://www.ucalgary.ca/research/researchers/ethics-compliance/cfreb

2. COMPLETE TEMPLATE / REPORT

For categories linked to corresponding templates, you must complete and upload the template as part of the IRISS submission.

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Reporting Criteria/Description</th>
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<td>Serious Adverse Event (SAE) – Local</td>
<td>Adverse events experienced by research participants at the site(s) under the jurisdiction of the REB. A local SAE is reportable if the PI believes it is an unanticipated problem related to the research, and places research participants or others at a greater risk of harm.</td>
<td>Fatal or life-threatening SAEs should be reported within 7 calendar days of the PI becoming aware of them. All other local SAEs should be reported within 15 calendar days of the PI becoming aware of them.</td>
<td>CHREB CFREB</td>
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<td>Serious Adverse Event (SAE) – Non-Local (CHREB only)</td>
<td>Adverse events experienced by research participants at centres/institutions outside the REB’s jurisdiction. A non-local SAE is reportable if the PI believes it is an unanticipated problem related to the research, and places research participants or others at a greater risk of harm.</td>
<td>Within 15 calendar days of the PI becoming aware of the non-local SAE.</td>
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<td>Protocol Deviation /Violation</td>
<td>Protocol Deviations/Violations are departures from the procedures set forth in the REB approved application. These include departures that: • Compromise the scientific integrity of the study, and/or • Constitute or may constitute a potential safety risk to participants enrolled in the protocol or others affected by the research, and/or • Are non-compliant with applicable</td>
<td>Changes to eliminate immediate safety risks to the study participants should be reported within 7 calendar days. All other violations should be reported within 15 calendar days of the PI becoming aware of the deviation/violation</td>
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3. INITIATE & COMPLETE REPORTABLE EVENT

Any member of the Study team and Ethics Administrators can initiate a Reportable Event:

1. Login to IRISS: [https://research.ucalgary.ca/iriss](https://research.ucalgary.ca/iriss)
2. Under the Research List tab, navigate to the study
3. Click on the ethics ID.

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<th>Follow-Up Report</th>
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<td>Report</td>
<td>Written report or memorandum from study monitors or sponsors, such as summary or periodic safety reports or data safety monitoring board. Within 15 calendar days of receiving the report.</td>
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<td>Audit</td>
<td>Audit, inspection, or inquiry by a university, provincial or federal agency. Only reports with information relevant to the REB should be submitted. Within 15 calendar days of receiving the audit report.</td>
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<td>Suspension</td>
<td>Suspension of active and ongoing research by the sponsor, PI, REB or institution. CHREB CFREB</td>
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<td>Participant Complaint</td>
<td>Complaints made by participants or others affected by the research concerning their well-being (psychological or physical) and/or respectful and fair treatment from the researchers CHREB CFREB</td>
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4. Click on Create Reportable Event.

Important! Each Reportable Event requires a document to be uploaded before the Principal Investigator can submit. Refer to the guidance website for more information.

5. Click on Save or Continue. The Reportable Event ID is generated when saved.
6. Enter a meaningful title that will allow you to quickly identify the Reportable Event.

7. Select applicable categories.

8. Upload completed template or report

OPTIONAL:
• **Related Studies**: Link studies to the Reportable Event when all categories selected apply. When processed, it will be acknowledged for all studies.

• **Comments**: Any additional information you would like to communicate to the REB.

### 4. SUBMIT REPORTABLE EVENT

The Principal Investigator can submit the prepared Reportable Event to the REB.

### FAQs

➢ **Q**: When can a Reportable Event be created?
➢ A: **Reportable Events** can be created any time post ethics approval. This includes studies that are Completed or Closed by Administrator.

➢ Q: I have a renewal or modification open; can I create and submit a Reportable Event at the same time?
➢ A: Yes, **Reportable Events** can be created and submitted when a modification, renewal or closure is in process.

➢ Q: An ethics administrator started a **Reportable Event**, is that permitted?
➢ A: Yes, **Reportable Events** can be created by an ethics administrator but only submitted by the Principal Investigator.

➢ Q: I submitted a **Reportable Event** that doesn’t meet the REB reporting standard, what happens?
➢ A: It will be closed by an ethics administrator, you will receive an email notification indicating the submission did not meet the REB reporting standard.

➢ Q: Can I create and submit multiple **Reportable Events** at the same time?
➢ A: Yes, there is no restriction on the number **Reportable Events** that can be created and submitted.