

REPORTABLE DEATHS:

Below are reportable deaths per California Health & Safety Code 102850 and need to be reported to the Shasta County Coroner's Office without delay:

1. Without medical attendance
2. During the continued absence of the attending physician
3. Where the attending physician, surgeon, or PA is unable to state the CAUSE OF DEATH. ("Unable to sign" is due to lack of medical history, not the unwillingness to sign due to the complexity of the case.)
4. Following an injury or accident
5. Under Circumstances as to afford a reasonable ground to suspect that the death was caused by criminal act of another
6. All violent, sudden or unusual deaths
7. Known or suspected homicide, suicide, or accidental poisoning
8. Known or suspected death that resulted or is related to accident or injury, which can be either an old injury or recent injury
9. Deaths due to drowning, fire, hanging, stabbing, cutting, exposure, starvation, acute alcoholism, drug addiction, strangulation and aspiration
10. Suspected CAUSE OF DEATH is SIDS
11. Death in whole or in part occasioned by criminal means
12. Deaths associated with a known or alleged rape or crime against nature
13. Deaths known or suspected as due to a contagious disease and constituting a public hazard
14. Deaths from occupational disease or occupational hazards
15. Deaths under such circumstances as to afford a reasonable grounds to suspect that the death was caused by the criminal act of another or any death reported by physicians or other person having knowledge of death, for inquiry by the Coroner
16. Any deaths reported by physicians or other person having knowledge of death for inquiry by the Coroner

REQUIRING & INQUIRY / DECISION:

Certain types of cases not listed in the State laws but often pose problems or are difficult to evaluate, should be reported to the Coroner for a decision.

1. **There is no 24 hour rule in California**, although this law exists in other states. There is often confusion on this point. Some assume that if the death occurs within 24 hours of arrival to the hospital, the death must be reported to our office. This is not true. Only if the death meets any of the usual criteria should it be reported.
2. Deaths of patient who underwent surgery after admission
3. Deaths occurring in instances when patient has not regained consciousness after anesthesia
4. Deaths occurring during therapeutic or diagnostic procedure or a result of complications of such procedures
5. Deaths in which the patient is comatose on arrival and remains comatose throughout the hospital stay unless the cause of the coma has been definitively established as being due to natural disease process
6. Deaths in which any type of injury is the cause or contributing cause regardless of how distant or remote in time or place the injury may have occurred. This includes Subdural Hematomas, Coma, Paraplegia, Quadriplegia, Hip Fractures or other Fractures, regardless of the time interval between the occurrence of the injury and death

WHEN REPORTING A DEATH:

1. Regular Business Hours:

When reporting an incident between the hours of *800 AM to 5:00 PM* please call **530-225-5551**

2. Outside of Regular Business Hours:

MEDICAL PERSONNEL can reach the ON-CALL DEPUTY CORONER INVESTIGATOR by calling **530-245-6540**

The Coroner's Office does not staff Deputy Coroner Investigators through the night on a 24-hour basis; therefore, when you request a phone call and/or response, the ON-CALL Deputy Coroner Investigator will generally be responding from their residence; therefore we ask that the following information be readily available when reporting a death. We encourage reporting personnel to utilize the abbreviated call sheet