

FACT SHEET 2

What types of death will a Coroner investigate?



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Coroners do not investigate all deaths, only deaths that are “reportable” or “examinable”.

Reportable deaths include:

- those that are unexpected, unnatural or violent, or caused by an accident or injury;
- those that happen unexpectedly during or after a medical procedure;
- those that happen when the person who died was in the care of a mental health facility; and
- when the cause of death is unknown.

Examinable deaths include:

- deaths that occur in custody or as a result of a police operation; and
- deaths of children and disabled persons.

There must also be a connection with New South Wales, such as the death occurring in New South Wales or that the deceased usually lived in New South Wales.

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