



The role of the Queensland Police force in the coronial process

This fact sheet explains the role of the Queensland police force in a coronial inquest when a family member dies suddenly. This fact sheet explains what to expect when talking to the police throughout the coronial process.

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More help

For more information about your options regarding coronial investigations:

[Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service](https://atsils.org.au/)

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[Legal Aid Queensland](http://www.legalaid.qld.gov.au/Home)

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[Community Legal Centres Queensland](http://communitylegalqld.org.au/)

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[Coronial Family Services - Queensland Forensic and Scientific Services](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/public-health/forensic-and-scientific-services/forensic-services/death-and-autopsies/coping-with-unexpected-death/coronial-family-services)

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