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 by law.

These include:

- a death that is unnatural, violent or unknown;
- a death under suspicious circumstances;
- a death that happens unexpectedly during or after a medical procedure;
- when a person has not been attended by a doctor at any time within the period commencing 6 months before the death;
- when a person has or is suspected to have died in circumstances that, in the opinion of the Chief Coroner, should be better ascertained; or
- a death that happens when the person who died was in custody or care.

There must also be a connection with the Australian Capital Territory, such as the death occurring in the Australian Capital Territory or that the deceased usually lived in the Australian Capital Territory.

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