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 reported to them by law.

These include:

- a death that appears to have been unexpected, unnatural or violent or to have resulted, directly or indirectly, from an accident or injury;
- a death that happened during or as a result of anaesthetic and is not due to natural causes;
- where a person who, immediately before death, was a person held in care or custody; or
- where the identity of the person is unknown.

If a person who normally lived in the Northern Territory died somewhere else and their cause of death is unknown, this is also a type of death reportable by law.

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The Coroners Court in NT