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 unexpected, unnatural, unusual or violent;
- when the cause of the death is unknown;
- a death that occurs during or as a result of, or within 24 hours, of certain medical procedures or receiving medical care;
- where the person was at the time of death in certain types of custody or care;
- where no certificate was given to the Registrar as to the cause of death; or
- a death that occurs on an aircraft during a flight, or on a vessel during a voyage.

There must also be a connection with South Australia, such as the death occurred in South Australia or that the deceased resided in South Australia at the time of death.

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The Coroners Court in SA