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 is unexpected, unnatural or violent, or caused by an accident or injury;
- a death that happens unexpectedly during or after a medical procedure;
- a death that happens when the person who died was in custody or care;
- when the cause of death is unknown;
- a death of a child under one which was sudden and unexpected;
- when the identity of the person is not known; and
- when a death occurs as a result from an accident or injury at work and does not appear to be from natural causes.

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

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