

Determining the Need to Report: An Alternative Method

Does the death appear to have been natural?

If no, report

If yes, continue

Was this the sudden death of an individual who was in apparent good health?

If yes, report

If no, continue

Was the decedent under the continuous care of a physician or in a hospital (or other medical facility) for at least 24 hours?

If no, report

If yes, continue

Did the decedent suffer from developmental disability (DD)?

If yes, report

If no, continue

Was the decedent institutionalized or under custodial care?

If yes, report

If no, continue

Was the decedent in police custody or incarcerated?

If yes, report

If no, continue

Did the decedent have a history of high-risk behavior such as drug or alcohol abuse and could this have caused or contributed to death?

If yes, report

If no, continue

Did the decedent (or mother if a fetus/infant) ever suffer an injury or have an occupational exposure that could have caused or contributed to death?

If yes, report

If no, continue

Were there complications of diagnostic tests or treatment?

If yes, report

If no, continue

Are the decedent's family, significant others, etc. dissatisfied with the care that was given?

If yes, report
If no, continue

Were there any unusual or suspicious circumstances surrounding the death?

If yes, report
If no, continue

Are you, or is anyone else, at all uncomfortable with the circumstances surrounding the death?

If yes, report
If no, a report is not necessary