

RESOURCES

Delaware General Health District
(Death Certificates)

740-368-1700

Ashley Police Department

740-747-2960

Delaware County Sheriff

740-833-2800

Delaware City Police Department

740-203-1100

Delaware Co. Victim's Assistance

740-833-2709

Grady Memorial Hospital

740-615-5000

The Ohio State University-Anatomic
Pathology/Autopsy Services

614-247-7499

Ostrander Police Department

740-666-8500

Powell Police Department

614-885-5005

Shawnee Hills Police

614-889-8258

Sunbury Police Department

740-965-3946

Private Autopsy Instructions:

Additional information is attached to this pamphlet in order to facilitate a privately requested autopsy.

- If your loved one is currently an inpatient and the Coroner's office declines jurisdiction, contact the attending physician.

Or

- If your loved one dies in the emergency room and the Coroner's office declines jurisdiction, you may be able to obtain a private autopsy at your own expense, at The Ohio State University, Department of Anatomic Pathology.

Or

- *If your loved one dies at home or any other place and you would like to have an autopsy performed at your own expense, contact The Ohio State University, Department of Anatomic pathology.*

Contact: 614-247-7944 or go to
<http://www.pathology.osu.edu.ext/autopsy>

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INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES



Mark Hickman, M.D.
Delaware County Coroner

YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN THIS PAMPHLET BECAUSE YOUR LOVED ONE HAS DIED SUDDENLY AND UNEXPECTEDLY WHEN IN APPARENT GOOD HEALTH...

On behalf of the Delaware County Coroner's office and Mark Hickman, M.D, please accept our deepest sympathy for the loss of your loved one. It is our intention to assist you, by providing the following information.

Q. Why is the Coroner's Office investigating this death?

- A. The Ohio law requires the County Coroner to investigate all sudden and unexpected deaths, homicides, suicides, accidents and deaths of children under 2 years of age with no known medical history. *
- B. *In the event there is known medical history, instructions for obtaining a private autopsy may be given.

Q. What do I do now?

A. The Coroner's goal is to determine the cause and manner of your loved ones death. An autopsy may be ordered. Our decisions in this process depend on numerous factors. The **legal Next of Kin** is encouraged to begin the process of making plans for final disposition of their loved one. By speaking to **family members, religious or cultural leaders** and a **funeral director**, your decisions for you loved one can commence and will help to prevent avoidable delays .

Q. Who is the legal next of kin?

A. Ohio law defines the legal next of kin as the Spouse, Adult Child(ren), Parent(s), Sibling(s), Nieces/Nephews respectively.

Q. How long until we have results, answers or final reports?

A. A Coroner's case can be completed in a very short period of time or, if complicated, can take up to 12-16 weeks to obtain final conclusions from investigation, autopsy, toxicology testing of the blood and urine. Results are public record and are available to any person upon request to the Coroner's office.

Q. How do I get copies of a Death Certificate?

A. This document may be needed for insurance, employment , social security, workman's compensation and estate matters. It will be available by requesting copies through your funeral home or by directly contacting the Delaware County Health District.

Q. How can personal property be claimed?

A. Personal property is typically released to the funeral home with your loved one. If property was not released to the funeral home, the next of kin can contact the Law Enforcement Agency who may have taken the property for safe keeping or evidence. The Coroner's Office rarely holds personal property in our possession.

The Delaware County Coroner, Dr. Mark Hickman, has provided this flyer to assist you as you have been confronted by an unexpected death of a loved one.

Use this space below to make notes or write information that you may need or questions that you have.

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