

# WHEN to CALL the CORONER



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# CORONERS:



- “We speak for the dead, to protect the living”



- ...to prevent the same death from happening twice

# CASE:



- 68 yom
- Died in hospital
- Colon cancer x 18 mo, palliated
- Developmental delay, seizure d/o
- Dependent for most iADLs, largely non-verbal
- Do you need to call a coroner?

# Call the coroner for:



- Deaths with a non-natural component
  - Special populations
  - Particular places
  - “Circumstances”
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- 1-855-299-4100

# CALL a coroner IF:



- Any non-natural component to the death:



# Non-natural deaths also include:



- Overdose/acute toxicity



Injury 2' natural disease

- Therapeutic misadventures
  - Tx errors, malfunctions, procedural errors
- Allergy (other than 1<sup>st</sup> exposure)

# Special populations



- Child with CAS involvement (w/in 12 mo)
- Pregnancy (& w/in 12 mo)
- Decomposed body
- Identification...





# Particular Places:



- Correctional/Detention centres (jail, juvy, immigration, lock-up etc)
- Psychiatric/MHA facility inpatients
- Group home residents (adults and youth)
- Industrial/construction/mining site

# “Circumstances”



- Misconduct,
- Malpractice,
- Negligence
- Misadventure

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- If you aren't sure:

- CALL
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# Brainstorming



- What do people need to know?
- What cases get missed?
  - Falls (hips, heads) esp if delayed death or palliated
  - Group homes
  - Overdoses (again, esp if delayed)
- Which calls are potentially “unnecessary”?
  - Within 24 h of admission
  - Post-surgical cases
  - Family concern--?