



MAGISTRATES COURT *of* TASMANIA

CORONIAL DIVISION

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Information Guide to Hospitals, Medical Practitioners and Health Professionals

This information guide replaces the the previous circular dated the 18 April 2019.

Medical practitioners should contact the Police Radio Room on 131 444 to report a death that is defined as a 'reportable death' pursuant to Section 3 of the *Coroners Act 1995* (available [here](#)). All police officers are coroners officers who will attend the scene and prepare a report for the coroner.

If a medical practitioner is in doubt as to whether a death is a reportable death, they should first consult the Coroners Court guide for medical practitioners (available [here](#)).

If, after consulting the above guide, a medical practitioner is still in doubt as to whether a death is a reportable death, they may contact a coroners associate for advice via the following phone numbers:

- During business hours – 6165 7134 (Coroners Office)
- Out of business hours – 131 444 (Police Radio Room)

It should be noted that coroners associates are police officers (not medical professionals) and, as such, they can only provide advice surrounding the definition of a reportable death and the coronial process.

However, if the query from medical practitioner is made to the Coroner's Associate within business hours, the coroner's office is staffed with specialist personnel and is better placed to assist medical practitioner with advice.

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