

Coroners' Act Information - TAS

Please check your State and Territory legislation as these are subject to change within each jurisdiction from time to time. The following is a guide only.

Note: When making funeral arrangements, you are not obliged to use the funeral director who first transported the deceased's body to the Coroner.

The Act: Coroners Act 1995: <http://bit.ly/1H5VKT7>

Practical Issues for Relatives: <http://bit.ly/1MOA073>

Tasmania

When does the coroner get involved?

The Coroner is required by law to inquire into all reportable deaths where:

- the deceased has died a sudden or unnatural death, or has died as a result of an injury or accident
- the deceased has died during anesthesia or sedation or as a result of these procedures and not due to natural causes
- the cause of death is unknown and a medical practitioner will not issue a medical certificate as to cause of death
- the deceased is a child under the age of 1 year and death was sudden and unexpected
- the deceased was being held in care or custody at the time of death
- the deceased died whilst escaping from prison or police custody or an institution or while a prison officer or police officer was attempting to detain that person
- the identity of the deceased is unknown
- the death is a result of an accident or injury that occurs at a workplace

When does the coroner get involved? The death of a person–

- a. who was held in custody or held in care immediately before death; or
- b. who was escaping or attempting to escape from prison, a detention centre, a secure mental health unit, police custody or the custody of a person who had custody under an order of a court for the purposes of taking that person to or from a court; or
- c. which occurred in the process of a police officer, correctional officer, mental health officer or prescribed person, within the meaning of [section 31 of the Criminal Justice \(Mental Impairment\) Act 1999](http://bit.ly/1Ezcn9T) (<http://bit.ly/1Ezcn9T>), attempting to detain that person– must be reported as soon as possible to a coroner by the person in whose custody or care the person was held or by the police officer, correctional officer, mental health officer or prescribed person attempting to detain that person.