

JUNEAU COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE

JURISDICTION POLICY

The following deaths are reportable to the Juneau County Coroner's Office:

1. All deaths in which there are unexplained, unusual, or suspicious circumstances;
2. All homicides – known or suspected;
3. All suicides – known or suspected;
4. All deaths following an abortion;
5. All deaths due to poisoning, whether homicidal, suicidal, or accidental;
6. All deaths following accidents, whether injury is or is not the primary cause of death;
An example would be: A person is at home, falls, and breaks a hip, is transported to a medical facility for treatment, and eventually dies due to a natural disease process as a result of the hip fracture.
8. All deaths in which a physician is not in attendance or has not been in actual attendance within 30 days prior to death;
9. When a physician refuses to sign the death certificate;
10. When after reasonable effort, a physician cannot be obtained to sign the medical certification, or within 6 days after pronouncement of death or sooner under circumstances which the Coroner or Medical Examiner determines to be an emergency;
11. Death of any inmate who is institutionalized in the Juneau County Jail, Sand Ridge Treatment Facility, or the New Lisbon Correctional Institute, shall be immediately reported to the Juneau County Coroner's Office;
12. All deaths occurring within 24 hours of admission to a hospital;
13. All deaths occurring in a Hospital Emergency Room;
14. All death associated with diagnostic or therapeutic procedures;
15. All deaths of individuals who were in the custody of law enforcement officials;
16. All deaths wherein the body is unidentified or unclaimed;
17. Sudden infant death syndrome;
18. All deaths where a cremation of the remains is to take place;
19. All deaths suspected to be due to infectious or contagious disease wherein the diagnosis and extent of disease are undetermined at the time of death;
20. All deaths involving motor vehicles, snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, and boats;
21. Any death in which there is doubt as to whether or not it is a Coroner's case should be reported;
22. All deaths that were sudden happening to persons who were in good health;
23. Occupational or industrial deaths;
24. All deaths that are listed in the HSS 135 policies;