



The office of
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Coroner of Gibson County IN
520 S. Main St.
Princeton, IN 47670



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A personal note from the Coroner,

The Gibson County Coroner's office extends our deepest sympathy to you at this time. To assist you during this difficult time, we have prepared this to provide you with information that will help you answer your questions.

I assure you, your loved one will be treated with the utmost respect and dignity. The essence of a Coroner's Inquiry is the search for truth. The impartial medica-logical investigation helps to support and protect the public.

Please be assured my office is at your service. If there are any other questions that you may have, please call (812)-385-4334.

This also serves to answer any questions that you may have:

Q. Where is my loved one being taken?

A. If an autopsy is to be performed, your loved one will be taken to a secured facility to be held until an autopsy can be performed

B. If an autopsy is not performed, arrangements will be made for your loved one to be transported to the funeral home.

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Q. Why is the Coroner involved in the death of my loved in the death of my loved one?

- A.
1. Suspected sudden infant death syndrome (crib deaths)
 2. Death occurring within 24 hours of admission of a hospital or healthcare facility.
 3. Physician unable to state cause of death.
 4. Known or suspected homicide.
 5. Known or suspected suicide.
 6. Death involving any criminal action.
 7. Related to or following known of suspected self- induced or criminal abortion.
 8. Following and accident or injury (primary or contributory). Deaths known or suspected as a result in whole or in part from or related to accident or injury, either old or recent.
 9. Drowning, fire, hanging, gunshot, stabbing, exposure, acute alcoholism, drug addiction, strangulation, aspiration or malnutrition.
 10. Accidental poisoning (food, chemical, drug, therapeutic agents).
 11. Occupational Diseases or occupational hazards.
 12. Known or suspected contagious disease constituting a public hazard.

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13. All deaths where patient is under anesthetic.

14. incarceration

15. All deaths of unidentified persons.

16. Unattended deaths (no physician in attendance during the continued absence of the attending physician.

Q. Is an autopsy always performed?

A. Not always. If the death is a “Natural Death” and the deceased has a physician who knows the medical cause of death and will furnish the Coroner with an acceptable cause, the Coroner will normally not perform an autopsy.

Q. Why are autopsies performed?

A. There are a number of reasons autopsies are performed. However, the basic reason is to determine the medical cause of death. Another primary reason is to gather evidence for presentation in a court of law.

Q. Is there a charge for these services?

A. No

Q. Can I come see him/her?

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A. Due to legal and health issues, visitation of the loved one is done at the funeral home after the body has been properly prepared.

Q. What about funeral arrangements?

A. Contact the funeral director of your choice as soon as possible and advise them what has transpired. Your director will then coordinate further arrangements with the Coroner's Office and help you begin the preparations for your loved one's funeral.

Q. Can I contact the Coroner's office?

A. Certainly, You may call concerning any questions you may have

Sincerely,

Barrett W. Doyle

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