

Copies of Reports

The Coroner's Office will provide one copy of the autopsy, toxicology, and coroner's report to the legal next of kin at no charge. Any request for additional reports requires written permission from the legal next of kin, except for Law Enforcement Agencies, before the documents can be released by the Coroner's Office. Requests for additional copies for insurance, legal, or other reasons require payment be made in advance. The fees for additional reports are as follows:

Autopsy Report	\$100.00
Toxicology Report	\$50.00
Coroner's Report	\$50.00

Death Certificates

A death certificate will be issued to the funeral home that you have chosen after the cause and manner of death has been determined. If an autopsy and/or toxicology were performed, a pending death certificate will be issued until the results are received by the Coroner's Office. Upon receiving the results from the autopsy and/or toxicology, a final death certificate will be issued to the funeral home. The Funeral Director will file the death certificate with the Pennsylvania Division of Vital Records. Certified copies of the death certificate can be obtained from the Funeral Director or the Division of Vital Records for a minimal cost.

Pennsylvania Department of Health
Division of Vital Records
P.O. Box 1528
101 South Mercer Street
New Castle, PA 16103
800-842-5040 or 724-656-3100

Resources for Survivors

Indiana County Crisis Line

24-Hour, resource and referral hotline for any crisis
1-877-333-2470

Community Guidance Center

Comprehensive mental health, drug & alcohol, intellectual disability services, and early intervention services to empower individuals and families to improve the quality of their lives.
724-465-5576 or 888-686-1991

Hopeful Hearts

Grief support for children, adolescents and their families. Child focused, family based, peer support.
724-349-3888 or 877-349-3888

The Open Door

Counseling for individuals and families experiencing drug, alcohol, dual diagnosis, gambling and related problems.
724-465-2605

Indiana County District Attorney's Immediate Response Team

Provides crisis intervention, on-scene assistance, court accompaniment, and victim compensation
724-465-3835

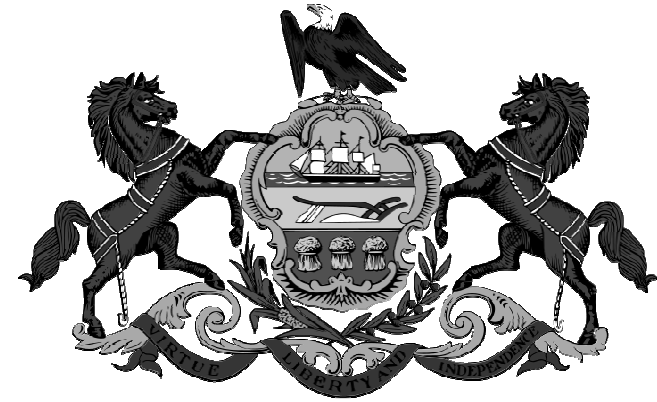
Health & Human Services Helpline in Indiana County

Hotline for help, information, and referrals with human services
Dial 211

Support is easily reached through a network of organizations within Indiana County. You don't have to face the loss of a loved one alone.

Guide for Survivors

Indiana County Office of the Coroner



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The Indiana County Coroner's Office extends its deepest sympathy to you and your family during this overwhelming and difficult time.

The death of a love one can be the most overwhelming, difficult and trying time of ones life. The information in this pamphlet is provided to assist survivors during and after the death of a loved one.

Mission Statement

The Indiana County Coroner's Office is dedicated to professional investigation of all sudden and unexpected deaths that occurred within Indiana County to determined the cause and manner of death. We aim to provide compassionate care and assistance for those affected by the loss of a loved one.

Jurisdiction

The Coroner's Office is required by law to investigate and determine the cause and manner of death within the elected County. This includes accidents, suicides, homicides, and natural deaths that are unexpected or cannot be properly certified by a physician. The purpose for the investigation of death is to determine whether or not any criminal acts or criminal neglect resulted from anyone other than that of the deceased. The Coroner shall also determine the identity of the deceased and is responsible to notify the decedents legal next of kin. The Coroner shall investigate all sudden deaths which involve, but not limited to, suspicious circumstances that may include alcohol, drugs, toxic substances, traumatic injury, peri-operative deaths, contagious disease constituting public hazard, prison, penal institution, anyone in police custody and stillbirths. The bodies of the deceased are not to be moved or the surrounding disturbed until the Coroner has a view of the scene. The Coroner may request an autopsy and/or hold an inquest to further determine the cause and manner of death.

Organ and Tissue Donation

The death of a loved one is overwhelming and difficult. As the legal next of kin, you have the option to donate organs or tissues of your loved one to improve or save the life of a person in need. Organ procurement will not take place without the approval of the legal next of kin and the Coroner's Office. If the legal next of kin approves, they will be contacted by a representative from Center for Organ Recovery and Education to discuss your options for donation.

Center for Organ Recovery and Education (CORE)
204 Sigma Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15238
1-800-366-6777

Release of Remains

The Coroner's Office attempts to release the body in a timely manner for the legal next of kin to proceed with the funeral arrangements, but an autopsy or organ procurement may delay the release of the body for a short period. The Coroner's Office will inform the legal next of kin and the requested funeral home of any delays that are known to the Coroner's Office. The legal next of kin should contact the funeral home of their choice at their earliest convenience and notify the Coroner's Office of the selected funeral home. The Coroner's Office DOES NOT recommend, select or make funeral arrangements.

Release of Personal Property

The Coroner's Office takes possession of the deceased's personal property that is on or about the body when death occurs outside the decedent's residence or when legal next of kin are not present at the scene. Clothing on the body will not be collected by the Coroner's Office unless it is needed for evidence. To claim any personal property the legal next of kin will need photo identification. An appointment will be needed to avoid a delay or inconvenience when claiming personal property.

Funeral Homes in Indiana County

Bowser-Minich	Indiana	724-349-3100
C. Frederick Bowser	Homer City	724-479-9422
Curran-Shaffer	Saltsburg	724-639-3911
James F. Ferguson	Blairsville	724-459-7611
John A. Lefdahl	Indiana	724-463-4499
Long-Contres	Cherry Tree	814-743-6681
Rairigh	Hillsdale	814-743-6833
Rairigh-Bence	Clymer	724-254-4342
Rairigh-Bence	Indiana	724-349-2000
Richard C. Stuart	Armagh	814-446-6699
Robinson-Lytle	Indiana	724-349-9700
Shoemaker	Blairsville	724-459-9115

Funeral Homes near Indiana County

Bauer-Bly	Dayton	814-257-8512
Carson-Boyer	Rural Valley	724-783-7331
Clark Chapel of Bauer	Elderton	724-354-2694
Curran	Apollo	724-478-1244
Deeley	Punxsutawney	814-938-5400
Kelly Corridoni	Avonmore	724-697-4544
McCabe	Punxsutawney	814-938-0400
McCabe	Derry	724-694-2789
Moriconi	N. Cambria	724-948-8050
Richard L. Fait	Punxsutawney	814-938-8200
Shumaker	Punxsutawney	814-938-5421

Cleaning Services

Biohazard clean-up Specialist

After Trauma Clean-Up , Inc.	412-795-1575
Aftermath, Inc.	800-366-9923
Confidential Clean-Up	814-335-6761
Crime Scene Clean-Up	800-295-5460
D.A.S.H. Bio-Recovery, LLC.	888-972-0911
JCS Biohazard Services	412-527-7380
SERVPRO, Inc.	724-837-8830

The Indiana County Coroner's Office DOES NOT recommend, endorse, or select any particular listed services. The lists are provided as a courtesy to you. Neither the Coroner's Office nor the County of Indiana accepts financial responsibility for the cost of funeral or clean-up services. You ARE NOT required to choose from these lists. You may select ANY funeral home or clean-up company you desire to utilize.