

This section is rephrased to exclude the Commission from the general powers of the Secretary under § 2-104(f) and (h) of this article. Similar sections that limit the power of the Secretary over units in the Department appear elsewhere in this article. See the General Revisor's Note to this article.

Defined terms: "Commission" § 5-301
 "Department" § 1-101 "Secretary" § 1-101
 "Includes"/"including" § 1-101

5-309. MEDICAL EXAMINER'S CASES.

(A) DEATHS TO BE INVESTIGATED.

(1) A MEDICAL EXAMINER SHALL INVESTIGATE THE DEATH OF A HUMAN BEING IF THE DEATH OCCURS:

(I) BY VIOLENCE;

(II) BY SUICIDE;

(III) BY CASUALTY;

(IV) SUDDENLY, IF THE DECEASED WAS IN APPARENT GOOD HEALTH OR UNATTENDED BY A PHYSICIAN; OR

(V) IN ANY SUSPICIOUS OR UNUSUAL MANNER.

(2) A MEDICAL EXAMINER SHALL INVESTIGATE THE DEATH OF A HUMAN FETUS IF:

(I) ~~THE--DEATH--OCCURS--AFTER--A--GESTATION PERIOD--OF--20--WEEKS--OR--MORE,--BUT~~ REGARDLESS OF THE DURATION OF THE PREGNANCY, THE DEATH OCCURS BEFORE THE COMPLETE EXPULSION OR EXTRACTION OF THE FETUS FROM THE MOTHER; AND

(II) THE MOTHER IS NOT ATTENDED BY A PHYSICIAN AT OR AFTER THE DELIVERY.

(B) NOTIFICATION OF MEDICAL EXAMINER.

IF A MEDICAL EXAMINER'S CASE OCCURS, THE POLICE OR SHERIFF IMMEDIATELY SHALL NOTIFY THE MEDICAL EXAMINER AND STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR THE COUNTY WHERE THE BODY IS FOUND AND GIVE THE KNOWN FACTS CONCERNING THE TIME, PLACE, MANNER, AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH.

(C) INVESTIGATION BY MEDICAL EXAMINER.

IMMEDIATELY ON NOTIFICATION THAT A MEDICAL EXAMINER'S CASE HAS OCCURRED, THE MEDICAL EXAMINER SHALL GO TO AND TAKE CHARGE OF THE BODY. THE MEDICAL EXAMINER SHALL INVESTIGATE