

Medical Examiner/Coroner Referral Terms

MR&C REFERENCE GUIDE

Trigger terms

MR&C will automatically refer a death record to a medical examiner or coroner if one of the following words, called “trigger terms,” is included as part of a decedent’s cause of death:

ABUSE/ABUSED	CRUSHED/CRUSHING	HEMORRHAGES	SHOT
ABUSING	DOSE	HYPOTHERMIA	SPRAIN/SPRAINS
ACCIDENT	DROWN/DROWNED	INJURY/INJURIES	SPRAINING
ACCIDENTAL	DROWNING	INJURED/INJURING	STAB/STABS
ALLERGIC	ELECTROCUTION	MALNUTRITION	STABBED/STABBING
ANAPHYLACTIC	EPIDURAL	MEDICATION	SUBARACHNOID
ANAPHYLAXIS	EXPOSURE	MEDICATIONS	SUBDURAL
ANOXIA	FALL/FALLS/FELL	METH	SUBSTANCE
ASPHYXIA	FALLEN/FALLING	METHAMPHETAMINE	SUFFOCATED
ASPHYXIATION	FENTANYL	MISADVENTURE	SUFFOCATION
ASPIRATION	FRACTURE	OPIATE	SURGICAL
BURN/BURNS	FRACTURES	OPIOID	SURGICALLY
BURNED/BURNING	FRACTURED	OVERDOSE	TETRAPLEGIA
CHOKING	FRACTURING	OVERDOSED	TOXICITY
COCAINE	GUN/GUNSHOT	PARAPLEGIA	TRAUMA
COLLISION	GUNSHOTS	POISONED	TRAUMATIC
CONTUSION	HANGED/HANGING	POISONING	VEHICLE
CONTUSIONS	HEMATOMA	POSTSURGICAL	WOUND/WOUNDS
CRASH	HEMATOMAS	QUADRIPLEGIA	WOUNDING
CRUSH/CRUSHES	HEMORRHAGE	REACTION	

White list

MR&C will NOT refer a death record to a medical examiner or coroner if one of these multi-word terms is included in the cause of death, even though they contain individual trigger terms:

ALCOHOL ABUSE	CEREBRAL VASCULAR ACCIDENT	ACUTE KIDNEY INJURY
TOBACCO ABUSE	CEREBROVASCULAR ACCIDENT	ACUTE LIVER INJURY