



OFFICE OF JACQUIE PURCELL ▪ KENDALL COUNTY CORONER

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ON BEHALF OF THE  
KENDALL COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE  
we offer our deepest sympathy to you for your loss.

This pamphlet is designed to help answer some of the questions you might have at this time. The coroner's office is required by the laws of the State of Illinois to conduct an investigation regarding any sudden, suspicious, violent or unexpected deaths or deaths that might be considered a threat to public health and safety.

INVESTIGATION

1. Your loved one may be transported to the Kendall County Coroner's Office for examination. The extent of the examination is determined by the Coroner and/or the Forensic Pathologist to determine the manner and cause of death.

FAMILY RESPONSIBILITY

1. The family is asked to contact the funeral home of their choice. The funeral director will guide you in making the necessary arrangements.
2. The funeral director will assist you in obtaining the number of death certificates you will need.

REPORTS & DEATH CERTIFICATE

1. It generally takes 3-4 weeks for the autopsy report to be finalized and the permanent death certificate to be signed. Temporary death certificates are available as soon as arrangements are made with the funeral home and may be useful until the permanent certificates are available.
2. A packet will be mailed to the next-of-kin at the completion of the investigation. The packet will include a copy of the permanent death certificate and any related reports. Additional report copies can be purchased by contacting the Kendall County Coroner's Office.
3. The death certificate will be issued through the Kendall County Clerk's Office, 111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville, IL 60560, 630-553-4104 or by contacting your funeral director who will order copies for you.

If you have any questions concerning the death investigation, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 630-553-4200.

Again, we extend our deepest condolences to you and your family.



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## TO HELP YOU PREPARE

for your visit to the funeral home, following is a list of questions you will need to answer and items the funeral home may need to have depending on your choice of services.

- Last Residence
- Date of marriage and location (city & state)
- Spouse's name (of deceased), date of death
- Occupation
- Place of Employment
- Social Security Number
- Education (Highest Grade Completed)
- Birth Date and Location (City and State or Country)
- Religion
- Member of which Church, Clubs and Organizations
- Veteran – Name of War, Branch of Service and Date of Discharge
- Father's Name
- Mother's Maiden Name
- Survivors' Names: Spouse, Parents, Children, Brothers, Sisters, Grandchildren
- Visitation Date, Hour and Location
- Funeral Date, Hour and Location
- Cemetery Name and Location (City, County and State)
- Picture for Paper and Hairdresser
- Memorial Instructions
- Pallbearers' names
- Clothing, including Underwear, Socks, Dentures and Glasses.
- Death Certificates – Number of Certified Copies Needed for Family Members, Insurance, Cars, House, Bank Accounts, Pension Funds, etc

## SHARE THE GIFT OF LIFE

Tissue donation saves thousands of lives each year by repairing heart defects, healing burns, restoring sight and replacing joints. Many family members who have experienced the death of a loved one find comfort in knowing that they were able to provide new life to others through tissue donation. We know you have already made many decisions for your loved one. We also know that there will never be a perfect time to ask you to authorize tissue donation. But we hope you will consider it. Tissue is an amazing gift that can offer hope and life to others.

## EXPECT A CALL

Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network coordinates organ and tissue donation, making organ and tissue transplants available to those in need. The first step in that process is to talk with you about this option. Sometime in the next 24 hours you may receive a call from Gift of Hope. The phone number you will see when we call is 630/758-2600. During this conversation we will explain the process and answer any questions you have about:

- Your loved one's funeral arrangements
- Ensuring your family's privacy

## TISSUE DONATION

Tissue donation is an option for many people regardless of age. A single tissue donor can help 25 or more people with the transplants that result from this generous act. Tissue donation is a gift, and there is no cost to the family. Thank you for taking a moment during this time to consider the option of tissue donation. Please accept our condolences. Regardless of your decision, we hope your family will find the peace it needs.

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

### **Which types of deaths become cases for the Office of the Coroner?**

In general, deaths that are sudden and unexpected, without medical attendance or due to violence become Coroner cases.

### **Are autopsies performed on every Coroner case?**

No. Autopsies are performed when necessary to determine the cause of death, to retrieve evidence and to obtain specimens for a toxicological examination. The Coroner has set guidelines about which cases should be autopsied.

### **What is a forensic autopsy?**

A forensic autopsy is an examination of a body performed after death. It consists of a detailed external examination of the body including the clothing, if available. Following the external examination, the body is opened and various body fluids are taken for examination for drugs or toxins. Finally, internal organs are removed and examined. Tissues may be taken for further examination.

### **Is consent necessary for a Coroner Autopsy?**

No. Consent of the next-of-kin is not required for autopsies that the Coroner deems necessary.

### **Why are some cases pending?**

In some circumstances, it may not be possible to determine the cause of death at the time of the examination. Additional tests, microscopic examination, or investigation may be required. In such cases, a pending death certificate is issued. When the additional analyses are completed, a final death certificate will be issued.

### **How long does it take to receive results from toxicology tests?**

Toxicology testing may take

anywhere from 2-4 weeks to complete, depending on the number and complexity of the tests.

### **Do I have to come to the Office of the Coroner to make identification?**

In cases where the victim is unknown, identification may be established by finger prints, dental records, x-rays or other means. In cases where identification is not required, a family member may request to view the body of their loved one.

### **Where are the personal effects?**

Personal effects may be claimed at the Office of the Coroner. Sometimes personal effects are removed by the local police departments. In those cases, it will be necessary to contact the police agency involved to obtain the personal effects.

### **Where do I get a copy of the death certificate?**

The Office of the Coroner cannot issue copies of certified death certificates. Death certificates must be obtained from your funeral home or the County Clerk in the county where the death occurred. In Kendall County, call 630-553-4104.

### **What do I do next?**

The next step for most families is to contact their funeral director to make final arrangements. Funeral directors will arrange to take your loved one into their care from the Office of the Coroner, handle all funeral arrangements and file the death certificates.

### **How can I get a copy of the autopsy or toxicology report?**

A copy of the autopsy or toxicology report can be made available by contacting the Office of the Coroner.

The following is a list of funeral homes and cremation services in your general area. This list is comprised for your convenience and is not a complete list of all funeral homes. ***The Kendall County Coroner does not recommend one funeral home or cremation service over another.***

## CREMATION SERVICES

Cremation Society of Illinois  
800-622-8358

IL Cremation Centers  
877-368-7005

Simplicity Funeral/Cremation  
630-445-1439

Tulip Cremation  
844-942-4909

## FUNERAL HOMES

### **Aurora**

- Daleiden Mortuary – 630-631-5500
- Healy Chapel – 630-897-9291
- James Funeral Home – 630-851-6503

### **Montgomery**

- Dieterle Memorial Home – 630-897-1196

### **Newark**

- Gabel-Dunn Funeral Home – 815-695-5131

### **Oswego**

- Dunn Family Funeral Home – 630-554-8484

### **Plano**

- Nelson Funeral Home – 630-553-7611
- Turner Funeral Home – 630-552-3022

### **Sandwich**

- Beverage Funeral Home – 815-786-6715
- Nelson Funeral Home – 815-786-6461
- Burkhart-Eighner Funeral Home – 815-786-2165

### **Yorkville**

- Nelson Funeral Home – 630-553-7611



If You Have Any Questions, Please Consult the Coroner's Office



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