

## ME/CORONER DONATION RELEASE GUIDELINES

Type of Death	Eyes/Corneas	Bones/Ligaments Veins/Arteries	Heart/Heart Valves	Notes
<b>All Natural Releases</b>				
1. Case Waived	Yes	Yes	Yes	
2. Body Released	Yes	Yes	Yes	
3. Storage Cases	Yes	Yes	Yes	<b>No decomposition</b>
Please use the following information for cases to be brought into this office for examination.				
<b>Abuse - Substance</b>				
1. Drugs or Meds	Yes, with vitreous	Yes, with blood	Yes, with blood	MTS will obtain samples and provide to Medical Examiner.
2. Alcohol	Yes, with vitreous	Yes, with blood	Yes, with blood	
3. Poison	Yes, with vitreous	Yes, with blood	Yes, with blood	
<b>Accidents - Vehicular</b>				
1. Driver	Yes	Yes	Yes	MTS to draw blood and vitreous fluids
2. Passenger	Yes	Yes	Yes	
3. Pedestrian	Yes	Yes	Yes	
4. Miscellaneous	Consult Pathologist	Consult Pathologist	Consult Pathologist	
<b>Asphyxial Deaths</b>				
1. Infants	<b>After External Exam</b>	<b>No, can be removed after M.E. exam</b>	Yes	
2. Hanging (Suicide or Accident)	<b>After External Exam</b>	Yes	Yes	Avoid injured areas
3. Homicide	<b>After External Exam</b>	Yes	Yes	Avoid injured areas
4. Miscellaneous	Consult Pathologist	Consult Pathologist	Consult Pathologist	
<b>Blunt Trauma</b>				
1. Homicide	Consult Pathologist	Consult Pathologist	Consult Pathologist	
2. Accident	Yes	Consult Pathologist	Yes	
3. Miscellaneous	Consult Pathologist	Consult Pathologist	Consult Pathologist	
<b>Carbon Monoxide and/or Smoke Inhalation</b>				
1. Accidental	Yes	Yes	Yes, with blood	
2. Arson	Yes	Yes	Yes, with blood	
<b>Choking - Food</b>	Yes, with vitreous	Yes	Yes, with blood	
<b>Cold Weather Related</b>	Yes	Yes	<b>No</b>	

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<b>Cutting/Stabbing</b>				
1. Homicide	Yes	Yes	Consult Pathologist	(See Firearms)
2. Accidental	Yes	Yes	Yes (No if a chest injury is involved)	Avoid injured areas
<b>Decomposed Body</b>				
	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	
<b>Drowning</b>				
1. Accidental	Yes	Yes	Yes	
2. Suicide	Yes	Yes	Yes	
3. Suspicious	Consult Pathologist	Yes	Consult Pathologist	
<b>Drugs - Overdose</b>				
			(See abuse)	
1. Accidental	Yes, with vitreous	Yes	Yes, with blood	
2. Suicide	Yes, with vitreous	Yes	Yes, with blood	
3. Suspicious	Yes, with vitreous	Yes	Yes, with blood	
<b>Electric Shock</b>				
1. Accidental	Yes	Yes	Yes	Avoid injured areas
2. Occupational	Yes	Yes	Yes	Avoid injured areas
<b>Exposure-Heat/Cold</b>				
	Yes	Yes	Yes	
<b>Falls</b>				
	Yes, with vitreous	Yes	Yes	Avoid injured areas
<b>Fire/Thermal</b>				
1. Accidental	Yes	Yes	Yes	Severe body burns may not be appropriate referrals.
2. Arson/Intentional	Yes	Yes	Yes	
3. Suicide	Yes	Yes	Yes	
<b>Firearm</b>				
Head	Yes	Yes	Yes	Avoid injured areas in all cases
Neck	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Chest	Yes	Yes	No	
Abdomen	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Pelvis	Yes	Consult Pathologist	Yes	
Upper Extremities	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Lower Extremities	Yes	Consult Pathologist	Yes	
Multiple Sites	Yes	Not if there is an injury to the area	Not if there is an injury to the area	

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<b>Hangings</b>				
1. Accidental	After External Exam	Yes	Yes	
2. Suicide	After External Exam	Yes	Yes	
3. Suspicious	After External Exam	Yes	Yes	
<b>Infants</b>				
1. Apparent Natural	After Visual Exam	Yes, with negative x-rays	Consult Pathologist	
2. Suspect SIDS	After Visual Exam	Yes, with negative x-rays	Consult Pathologist	
3. Accidents	Will depend on type	Will depend on type	Will depend on type	
4. Homicide	Consult Pathologist	Consult Pathologist	Consult Pathologist	
5. Miscellaneous	Consult Pathologist	Consult Pathologist	Consult Pathologist	
<b>Lightning</b>				
<b>Narcotics (See Abuse)</b>				
<b>Negligence</b>				
1. Child	Consult Pathologist	Consult Pathologist	Consult Pathologist	
2. Elderly	Yes, obtain vitreous	Yes	Not Applicable	
3. Medical	Yes, obtain vitreous	Yes	Consult Pathologist	
4. Miscellaneous	Consult Pathologist	Consult Pathologist	Consult Pathologist	
<b>Poisoning (See Drugs)</b>				
<b>Sexual Perversion</b>				
1. Autoerotic	After External Exam	Yes	Yes	
2. Rape/Homicide	After External Exam	Consult Pathologist	Consult Pathologist	
<b>Smoke Inhalation</b> See: Fire/Thermal/Carbon Monoxide				
<b>Smothering</b>				
1. Accidental	After External Exam	Yes	Yes	
2. Homicide	After External Exam	Consult Pathologist	Yes	
<b>Strangulation</b>				
1. Accidental	After External Exam	Yes	Yes	
2. Homicide	After External Exam	Yes	Yes	
<b>Suffocation</b>				
1. Accidental	After External Exam	Yes	Yes	
2. Homicide	After External Exam	Consult Pathologist	Consult Pathologist	
<b>Suicide</b> See Specific Type				
<b>Therapeutic Misadventure</b>	Yes	Yes, if area is not involved	Consult Pathologist	

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Thermal (See Burns)				
Traffic (See Accidents)				
Weather Related				
1. Cold	See Exposure	See Exposure	See Exposure	
2. Heat	See Exposure	See Exposure	See Exposure	
3. Lightning	See Exposure	See Exposure	See Exposure	
4. Natural Disaster	Yes, obtain vitreous	Yes	Yes	