

Grief Support Services at the MEO

Grief Support Counselors at the MEO provide free services including grief counseling, arranging pick-up of ashes, and assistance with resources.

Call the number below based on your loved one's cause of death:

Homicides

(215) 685-7411

(215) 685-9344

Suicides

(215) 685-7402

Drug-Related Deaths

(215) 685-7448

Infant & Child Deaths

(215) 685-7402

All Other Deaths

(215) 685-7408

Frequently Asked Questions

Where do I get the Death Certificate?

An official document with a seal that is issued by the PA Department of Vital Records. The MEO itself does not issue the death certificate. Rather, the death certificate is typically obtained through the Funeral Home or at:

www.MyCertificates.Health.Pa.gov

How can I view my loved one?

Physically viewing your loved one at the MEO is no longer a possibility in our new building. Viewings can be done at the funeral home.

How do I get an autopsy report?

The next of kin can request a copy of the autopsy and toxicology report through the medical records department at the MEO.

Find the record request form at <https://www.phila.gov/documents/medical-examiners-office-records-request/>

Where do I get my loved one's items?

The next of kin is able to pick up their loved one's personal items at the Medical Examiner's Office. To inquire about the personal effects call our medical records department.

Funeral Arrangements

The next of kin will identify a funeral home or cremation service of their choosing and notify our office at 215-685-7445.

The funeral home will then contact our office to have your loved one taken into their care for final arrangements.

If you need assistance with navigating funeral arrangements, please reach out to one of our grief support counselors.

For more resources and info visit our website



<https://www.phila.gov/departments/medical-examiners-office/>

What We Do

The Medical Examiner's Office (MEO) determines the cause and manner of death for sudden, unexpected, and unnatural deaths in Philadelphia.

Important MEO units:

Forensic Investigators

Notify next of kin of deaths, complete the identification process, coordinate with funeral homes; often the source for many MEO-related questions

215-685-7445

Medical Records Staff

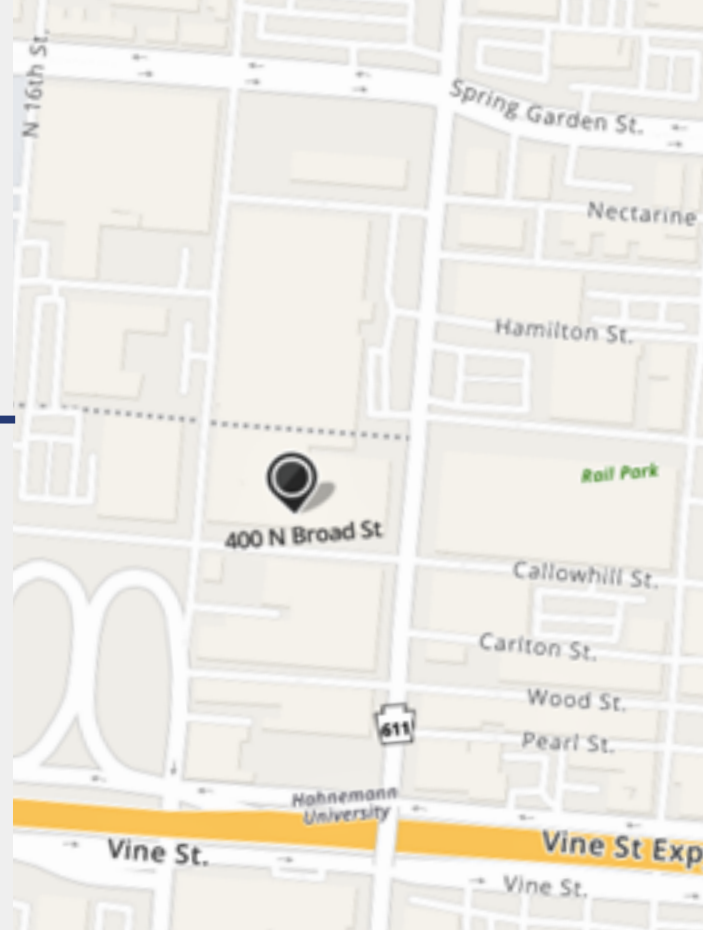
Helps next of kin obtain autopsy and toxicology reports, arrange pick-up of personal effects

215-685-7456

Forensic Pathologists


Perform autopsies and review medical records in order to determine the cause and manner of death

215-685-7471



MEO Front Desk/ General information

 215-685-7458

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Philadelphia, PA 19130

Philadelphia's MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE

Investigating sudden, unexpected, and unnatural deaths in Philadelphia with professionalism, compassion, and efficiency.



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