“I don’t know what to do. Where can I start?”

If you have questions about what happens after a death:

Start with the Clermont County Coroner’s Office, particularly when the death is being investigated by the coroner.

If you need to talk with someone, are struggling emotionally, or need help finding mental health services:

There are several resources offering 24/7 assistance. Contact the local crisis hotline at (513) 528-SAVE, or contact the national hotline by calling or texting 988. You can reach out to the Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Board at (513) 732-5400.

If you want to connect with others who have experienced a similar loss:

Explore grief support groups and Ohio bereavement resources.

Why reach out? **Grief is a natural reaction to loss. By connecting with others, you may find help and comfort. Although it can feel like you are the only person feeling pain...** **YOU ARE NOT ALONE!** **We hope this pamphlet helps during your time of loss.**

Local Resources

Clermont County Coroner’s Office
2275 Bauer Road, Batavia, OH 45103
(513) 732-8117
ClermontCoroner.org

Clermont & Brown County Crisis Hotline
Available 24/7
(513) 528-SAVE (7283)

Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Board
2337 Clermont Center Drive
Batavia, OH 45103
(513) 732-5400
Ccmhrb.org

Clermont County Public Health
2400 Clermont Center Drive, Suite 200
Batavia, OH 45103
(513) 735-8400
ClermontHealthOhio.gov



Help for Loved Ones

Bereavement support and information

This Resource Is Here to Help

If you are grieving, you are not alone. Give yourself permission to grieve in your own way, at your own pace, and to seek support when you need it.

Clermont County Coroner's Office

Brian Treon, M.D. Coroner

You may be wondering why the Coroner's Office is involved.

The Clermont County Coroner investigates deaths that fall under the coroner's jurisdiction and provides information to families about the death investigation process.

The Coroner's Office provides answers to questions such as:

- Where will my loved one be taken?
- Will an autopsy be performed?
- When can my loved one be released to a funeral home?
- When will autopsy or toxicology results be available?
- How can I obtain an autopsy report?
- What happens if the family does not have funds for burial?
- How do I obtain a death certificate?

Per Section 313.12 of the Ohio Revised Code, an autopsy is performed to establish the cause of death when any person dies:

- by criminal or other violent means.
- by casualty.
- by suicide.
- in a suspicious or unusual manner.
- suddenly when in apparent good health, including children under two years of age.

Once the pathologist completes the autopsy, the Coroner's Office will notify the family. Then the funeral process can begin. The funeral director generally coordinates the release of the deceased from the Coroner's Office.

Autopsy results can take up to 16 weeks to complete due to testing and the subpoena of reports and medical records. Once the autopsy report is completed, the family will be notified. The report can be mailed or picked up in person. If you have questions after reading the report, the coroner or pathologist can assist you.

Clermont County Public Health

The sudden or unexpected death of a baby or young child is an uninmaginable loss. In Ohio, families are supported by a coordinated process involving the county coroner, local health department, healthcare professionals, and other community partners.

For infants age 1 year or younger whose death is unexpected and the cause is not apparent, Clermont County Public Health connects individuals and families with grief, mental health, and community resources for healing after a loss. A nurse will reach out to offer support and schedule a visit at a time that is comfortable for you.

During this difficult time, public health nurses are here to listen, provide a safe and caring space to talk, and help connect you with services. Clermont County Public Health can provide information, guidance, and education as you navigate your grief.