

## **3701.93 Ohio violent death reporting system.**

Subject to available funds, the director of health shall establish the Ohio violent death reporting system to collect and maintain information, data, and records regarding violent deaths in Ohio.

### **3701.931 Purpose of system.**

The Ohio violent death reporting system shall do all of the following regarding violent death information, data, and records maintained in the system:

- (A) Monitor the incidence and causes of the various types of violent deaths;
- (B) Make appropriate epidemiologic studies of the violent deaths;
- (C) Analyze trends and patterns in, and circumstances related to, the violent deaths;
- (D) With the assistance of the advisory group established pursuant to section [3701.932](#) of the Revised Code, recommend actions to relevant entities to prevent violent deaths and make any other such recommendations the director of health determines necessary.

### **3701.9310 Confidential information.**

Except as otherwise provided in section 3701.9212 of the Revised Code, all of the following are not public records under section [149.43](#) of the Revised Code, shall be confidential, and shall be published only in statistical form:

- (A) Information, data, and records collected for use and maintained by the Ohio violent death reporting system including, but not limited to, medical records, law enforcement investigative records, coroner investigative records, laboratory reports, and other records concerning a decedent;
- (B) Work products created in carrying out the purposes of the Ohio violent death reporting system.

### **3701.9311 Information not subject to subpoena or discovery.**

Information, data, and records collected for use and maintained by, and all work products created in carrying out the purposes of, the Ohio violent death reporting system shall not be subject to subpoena or discovery while in the possession of the system or admissible in any criminal or civil proceeding if obtained through, or from, the system.

## **3701.9312 Standards and procedures for accessing information.**

The director of health, pursuant to rules adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall establish standards and procedures to make available to researchers confidential information collected by the Ohio violent death reporting system. Researchers complying with those standards and procedures also shall comply with the confidentiality requirements of section [3701.9310](#) of the Revised Code.

## **3701.9314 Adoption of rules.**

The director of health may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code necessary to establish, maintain, and carry out the purposes of the Ohio violent death reporting system under sections [3701.93](#) to 3701.9314 of the Revised Code.

## **3701.932 Violent death advisory group.**

The director of health shall establish an advisory group of interested parties and stakeholders to recommend actions to relevant entities to prevent violent deaths, and make other recommendations the director determines necessary, in accordance with division (D) of section [3701.931](#) of the Revised Code.

## **3701.933 Data collection model.**

The data collection model used by the Ohio violent death reporting system shall follow the data collection model used by the United States centers for disease control and prevention national violent death reporting system and any other data collection model set forth by the director of health pursuant to section [3701.934](#) of the Revised Code.

## **3701.934 Specification of type, sources, and methods of collecting data.**

The director of health, pursuant to rules adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall do all of the following:

- (A) Specify the types of violent deaths that shall be included in the Ohio violent death reporting system;
- (B) Specify the information, data, and records to be collected for use by the Ohio violent death reporting system;
- (C) Specify the sources from which the information, data, and records are to be collected for use by the Ohio violent death reporting system;

(D) If determined appropriate by the director, set forth any other data collection model to be used by the Ohio violent death reporting system.

### **3701.935 Collection from existing sources.**

The director of health shall collect information about violent deaths in Ohio only from existing sources related to violent crimes and shall not conduct independent criminal investigations in order to obtain information, data, or records for use by the Ohio violent death reporting system.

### **3701.936 Provision of data by state agencies.**

At the request of the director of health, every department, agency, and political subdivision of the state shall provide information, data, records, and otherwise assist in the execution of sections [3701.93](#) to [3701.9314](#) of the Revised Code.

### **3701.937 Provision of data by other entities and individuals.**

At the request of the director of health, any individual or entity not specified in section [3701.936](#) of the Revised Code, at the individual's or entity's discretion, may provide information, data, records, and otherwise assist in the execution of sections [3701.93](#) to [3701.9314](#) of the Revised Code. Any information, data, and records provided to the director by any other individual or entity shall contain only information, data, or records that are available or reasonably drawn from any information, data, and record developed and kept in the normal course of business.

### **3701.938 Duty to provide information.**

Notwithstanding any section of the Revised Code pertaining to confidentiality, any individual, public social service agency, or public agency that provides services to individuals or families, law enforcement agency, coroner, or public entity that provided services to an individual whose death is the type of death specified by the director of health under section [3701.934](#) of the Revised Code shall provide information, data, records, and otherwise assist in the execution of sections [3701.93](#) to [3701.9314](#) of the Revised Code.