



Ohio Revised Code

Section 307.636 Collecting and maintaining information; annual report.

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(A) A drug overdose fatality review committee shall establish a system for collecting and maintaining information necessary for the review of drug overdose or opioid-involved deaths in the county or region. In an effort to ensure confidentiality, each committee shall do all of the following:

(1) Maintain all records in a secure location;

(2) Develop security measures to prevent unauthorized access to records containing information that could reasonably identify any person;

(3) Develop a system for storing, processing, indexing, retrieving, and destroying information obtained in the course of reviewing a drug overdose or opioid-involved death.

(B) For each drug overdose or opioid-involved death reviewed by a committee, the committee shall collect all of the following:

(1) Demographic information of the deceased, including age, sex, race, and ethnicity;

(2) The year in which the death occurred;

(3) The geographic location of the death;

(4) The cause of death;

(5) Any factors contributing to the death;

(6) Any other information the committee considers relevant.

(C) By the first day of April of each year, the person convening a drug overdose fatality review



committee shall prepare and submit to the Ohio department of health in the manner and format prescribed by the department a report that includes all of the following information for the previous calendar year:

- (1) The total number of drug overdose or opioid-involved deaths in the county or region;
- (2) The total number of drug overdose or opioid-involved deaths reviewed by the committee;
- (3) A summary of demographic information for the deaths reviewed, including age, sex, race, and ethnicity;
- (4) A summary of any trends or patterns identified by the committee.

The report shall specify the number of drug overdose or opioid-involved deaths that were not reviewed during the previous calendar year.

The report shall include recommendations for actions that might prevent other deaths, as well as any other information the review board determines should be included.

(D) Reports prepared under division (C) of this section shall be considered public records under section 149.43 of the Revised Code.