

IC 35-45-19

Chapter 19. Failure to Report a Dead Body

IC 35-45-19-0.1

Repealed

(Repealed by P.L.63-2012, SEC.68.)

IC 35-45-19-1 Version a

Applicability of chapter

Note: This version of section effective until 1-1-2015. See also following version of this section, effective 1-1-2015.

Sec. 1. This chapter does not:

- (1) apply to the driver of a vehicle involved in an accident that:
 - (A) results in the death of a person; and
 - (B) must be reported under IC 9-26-1-1; or
- (2) supersede any law governing the reporting of a death by a hospital, health care facility, or provider.

As added by P.L.68-2008, SEC.1.

IC 35-45-19-1 Version b

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Sec. 1. This chapter does not:

- (1) apply to the driver of a vehicle involved in an accident that:
 - (A) results in the death of a person; and
 - (B) must be reported under IC 9-26-1-1.1; or
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As added by P.L.68-2008, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.217-2014, SEC.193.

IC 35-45-19-2

"Public safety officer"

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "public safety officer" means:

- (1) a law enforcement officer;
- (2) a correctional officer;
- (3) a state university police officer;
- (4) a firefighter;
- (5) an emergency medical technician; or
- (6) a paramedic.

As added by P.L.68-2008, SEC.1.

IC 35-45-19-3

Failure to report a dead body

Sec. 3. A person who:

- (1) discovers or has custody of the body of a deceased person when it appears the deceased person died:
 - (A) by violence, suicide, or accident;
 - (B) suddenly, while in apparent good health;

(C) while unattended;
(D) from poisoning or an overdose of drugs;
(E) as the result of a disease that may constitute a threat to public health;
(F) as the result of:
 (i) a disease;
 (ii) an injury;
 (iii) a toxic effect; or
 (iv) unusual exertion;
incurred within the scope of the deceased person's employment;
(G) due to sudden infant death syndrome;
(H) as the result of a diagnostic or therapeutic procedure; or
(I) under any other suspicious or unusual circumstances; and
(2) knowingly or intentionally fails to report the body of the deceased person to a:
 (A) public safety officer;
 (B) coroner;
 (C) physician; or
 (D) 911 telephone call center;
within three (3) hours after finding the body;
commits failure to report a dead body, a Class A misdemeanor.
As added by P.L.68-2008, SEC.1.