

Helpful contact numbers

(Contact hours 9 am to 5 pm unless otherwise noted)

Compassionate Friends Victoria Inc.	1800 641 091
Federation of Community Legal Centres	(03) 9652 1500
Industrial Deaths Support and Advocacy	(03) 9654 3353
Interpreter Service	131 450
Mercy Western Grief Services	(03) 9364 9838
National Relay Service TTY Service (for hearing impaired)	133 677
	1300 555 727 (Speak and Listen)
Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages	1300 369 367
Road Trauma Support Team	1300 367 797
SIDS and Kids Victoria	1800 240 400
Victims Support Agency	1800 819 817
Victoria Legal Aid	(03) 9269 0234 1800 677 402
Victorian Aboriginal Legal Services	(03) 9419 3888 1800 064 864 (24 hours)
Victorian Court Information and Welfare Network	(03) 9603 7433 1800 681 614



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Coroners Prevention Unit

The Coroners Prevention Unit (CPU) is a specialist service for coroners created to strengthen their prevention role and provide them with expert assistance by:

- reviewing a range of reportable and reviewable deaths
- collecting and analysing data relating to reportable and reviewable deaths
- assisting coroners in the development of prevention-focussed coronial recommendations
- receiving and publishing coronial recommendations.

The central goals of the CPU are to:

- improve the quality and applicability of coronial recommendations
- increase the uptake and implementation of coronial recommendations
- contribute to the reduction of preventable deaths in Victoria.

Coroners Prevention Unit and the coronial process

The Coroners Prevention Unit may contribute at any stage of the coronial process, including:

When a death is initially reported – through the provision of advice that can be used by coroners to:

- decide on the direction of the investigation
- ensure that essential evidence is gathered
- identify any prevention opportunities relevant to an individual or group of similar cases.

When recommendations are being developed – through the provision of expert advice to coroners on:

- the nature and extent of risk factors
- evidence on effective countermeasures
- identification of relevant stakeholders who may be affected by the recommendations
- information on relevant legislation, standards, codes of practice and guidelines
- information on similar previous and subsequent cases and recommendations.

When recommendations are being finalised – by engaging with relevant stakeholders at the direction of coroners to ensure that any proposed coronial recommendations are reasonable, viable and likely to be effective.

After recommendations have been made – by receiving and collecting information on the responses to and implementation of coronial recommendations.

Additionally, the CPU undertakes both individual and collaborative research projects to support coronial investigations to generate a better understanding of preventable deaths in Victoria and identify intervention opportunities.