

641—91.8(135) Team duties and responsibilities.

91.8(1) The team shall perform the following duties:

a. Prepare a biennial report to the governor, supreme court, attorney general, and the general assembly concerning the following subjects:

(1) The causes and manner of domestic abuse deaths, including an analysis of factual information obtained through review of domestic abuse death certificates and domestic abuse death data, including patient records and other pertinent confidential and public information concerning domestic abuse deaths.

(2) The contributing factors of domestic abuse deaths.

(3) Recommendations regarding the prevention of future domestic abuse deaths, including actions to be taken by communities, based on an analysis of the contributing factors.

b. Advise and consult the agencies represented on the team and other state agencies regarding program and regulatory changes that may prevent domestic abuse deaths.

c. Develop protocols for domestic abuse death investigations and team review.

91.8(2) In performing duties pursuant to subrule 91.8(1), the review team shall:

a. Review information concerning the relationship between the decedent victim and the alleged or convicted perpetrator from the point when the abuse began until the death occurred in order to identify any correlation between events in the relationship and the escalation of the abuse.

b. Review documents such as orders of protection, dissolution, custody, and support or related court records.

c. Determine whether patterns regarding these events can be established in relation to domestic abuse deaths in general, and consider such conclusions in making recommendations for the biennial report.

91.8(3) The team may establish committees or panels to which the team may assign some or all of the team's responsibilities set out in this rule.

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