

Section 5-309  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1982 Volume and 1985 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

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(As enacted by Chapter 246 of  
the Acts of the General Assembly of 1984)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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5-309.

(a) (1) A medical examiner shall investigate the death of a human being if the death occurs:

(i) By violence;

(ii) By suicide;

(iii) By casualty;

(iv) Suddenly, if the deceased was in apparent good health or unattended by a physician; or

(v) In any suspicious or unusual manner.

(2) A medical examiner shall investigate the death of a human fetus if:

(i) Regardless of the duration of the pregnancy, the death occurs before the complete expulsion or extraction of the fetus from the mother; and

(ii) The mother is not attended by a physician at or after the delivery.

(b) If a medical examiner's case occurs, the police or sheriff immediately shall notify the medical examiner and State's Attorney for the county where the body is found and give the known facts concerning the time, place, manner, and circumstances of the death.

(c) Immediately on notification that a medical examiner's case has occurred, the medical examiner or an investigator of the medical examiner shall go to and take charge of the body. The medical examiner or the investigator shall investigate fully the