



**NIAGARA COUNTY
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REQUESTS FOR RELEASE OF AUTOPSY REPORT

Autopsy reports are to be released by the Office of the County Clerk with written permission of the Coroner in the following circumstances:

SPOUSE OF THE DECEASED

Autopsy reports shall be made available upon presentation of a valid photo identification*, issued by a US government entity, a valid marriage license* or death certificate*, and a notarized Niagara County Request for Autopsy Report.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF THE DECEASED

Autopsy reports shall be made available upon presentation of a valid photo identification*, issued by a US government entity, and valid letters administration or letters testamentary* issued by the Surrogate Court.

NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED

Autopsy reports shall be made available, upon presentation of a valid photo identification* issued by a government entity, presentation of a death certificate of the deceased*, and submission of a notarized **AFFIDAVIT OF KINSHIP** establishing that they are next of kin.

If a request falls within any of the these situations, the Office of the County Clerk, with written permission of the Coroner, has authority to release a copy of an autopsy report. All other requests must be denied.

ALL REQUESTS AND DOCUMENTATION MUST BE SENT TO:

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AUTOPSY REPORTS ARE EXEMPTED FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE UNDER NEW YORK STATUTORY LAW

*Photocopies accepted