

At present, there are two sets of guidelines that have been developed by federal agencies that have been offered as models for national application.

Guidelines for Death Scene Investigation of Sudden, Unexplained Infant Deaths was published in June 1996 by the CDC. The Guidelines may be viewed at <ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Publications/mmwr/rr/rr4510.pdf> . These guidelines are endorsed by the National Association of Medical Examiners.

National Guidelines for Death Investigation was published by the National Institute of Justice in February 1998. The title was later changed to Death Investigation: A Guide for the Scene Investigator. The Guide may be viewed at <http://ncjrs.org/pdffiles/167568.pdf> . These guidelines are endorsed by the National Association of Medical Examiners.

Model Legislation and Professional Practice Guidelines and Protocols are described under those respective headings on the NODIA menu page.