



# Tissue & Eye Donation Notification Information for Medical Examiners

**Call in every death, every time**

**IDN 24 Hour Notification Line: 800-831-4131**

**Purpose of the Notification Call:** MEs and MEIs notify Iowa Donor Network (IDN) of all deaths when death occurs outside of the hospital setting to determine decedent's candidacy for donation.

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## **The Notification Call:**

**Timely call to 800-831-4131 from ME/MEI is within 1-3 hours of time of death**

- The earlier the call, the more likely we can preserve the opportunity of donation

**Contact IDN before releasing to the funeral home**

**Contact IDN before topic of donation is broached with the family**

**Estimated length of call is 5-10 minutes**

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## **The Donation Specialist will ask for the following information:**

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| • ME demographics          | • Next-of-kin information  |
| • Decedent demographics    | • Autopsy information      |
| • Cause of death, if known | • Funeral home information |
| • Decedent medical history | • Location of decedent     |
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## **After the Notification Call:**

- If the decedent is a candidate for donation, IDN will secure release from the Medical Examiner
- IDN will contact NOK to discuss the option of donation
- Staff may be asked to place ice on the body and document what time cooling begins