

## What is SUDORS?

SUDORS is a surveillance system that collects comprehensive data on unintentional and undetermined intent drug overdose deaths that occur in a state. The South Dakota Department of Health (DOH) received funding from CDC in 2019 to implement SUDORS, with data collection starting July 2019. The DOH continues to work with coroners across the state to collect data and reduce the number of overdose deaths in South Dakota. To learn more, visit <https://doh.sd.gov/health-data-reports/substance-use-data-reports/state-unintentional-drug-overdose-reporting-system-sudors/>.

### Case Criteria

- Unintentional or Undetermined Drug Overdose/Poisoning Deaths
- Death occurred in South Dakota

### Data Sources

- Death Certificates
- Coroner Reports
- Toxicology Reports



### Data Collected

	Demographics
	Location of Overdose
	Toxicology Results
	History of Substance Use
	Mental Health Problems
	Presence of Bystanders
	Naloxone Administration
	Drug Administration Route
	History of Prior Overdoses
	Scene Evidence
	Presence of Pulse
	EMS on Scene

### Data Collection Process

1. **CORONERS** file death certificates with the Office of Vital Records
2. **DATA ABSTRACTORS** query electronic vital records system for overdose deaths
3. **DATA ABSTRACTORS** request information from Coroners
4. **CORONERS** provide case reports and/or a completed coroner worksheet and toxicology form to Data Abstractors
5. **DATA ABSTRACTORS** de-identify and enter information into the web-based system

### SUDORS Goals

- **Better understand the circumstances** that surround overdose deaths
- Improve overdose data **timeliness and accuracy**
- Identify specific substances causing or contributing to overdose deaths as well as emerging and polysubstance overdose trends to help **inform overdose prevention and response efforts**

### How can SUDORS data be used to prevent overdose deaths?

- **Educating** partners about location-specific circumstances and risk factors
- **Alerting** public health professionals and other partners of newly emerging drug threats
- **Informing** drug overdose prevention and response planning and strategies using toxicology and circumstance data
- **Evaluating** the impact of overdose prevention and response efforts

**CDC's SUDORS Data Dashboard**  
[cdc.gov/overdose-prevention/data-research/facts-stats/sudors-dashboard-fatal-overdose-data.html](https://www.cdc.gov/overdose-prevention/data-research/facts-stats/sudors-dashboard-fatal-overdose-data.html)



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