

# OVERDOSE RESPONSE STRATEGY

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## California Mandatory Fatal Overdose Reporting: SB67 Compliance Guide

Effective: **Immediately** (SB 67 Bill Enacted September 2023)

**CA Health & Safety Code § 11758.02 (2024)**

Coroners, Medical Examiners, Sheriffs

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Existing law requires coroners to investigate all violent, sudden or unusual deaths. County boards of supervisors may choose to replace the office of coroner with that of a medical examiner, who performs the same investigative duties. The updated **SB-67 bill** aims to enhance statewide overdose surveillance by requiring **medical examiners** and **coroners** prompt reporting of suspected overdose deaths to the centralized data system, **Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP)**. ODMAP is an overdose tracking program that captures nonfatal and fatal overdoses in near real time. The overdose data should be utilized to inform public health decisions, allocate resources, and enhance situational awareness for tracking drug trends in local jurisdictions and across the state.

### Mandatory Fatal Overdose Reporting:

- Coroners and medical examiners are required to report suspected overdose deaths to ODMAP.
- Reports will be made as soon as possible, but no later than **120 hours (5 days)** after evaluating the deceased.
- If the cause of death is still preliminary and pending toxicology screens, the coroner or medical examiner will report the overdose as a **preliminary report** and update the report when the cause of death is confirmed.

### Protection from Liability and Incentives:

- The bill would exempt a coroner or medical examiner from **civil or criminal liability for making a report in good faith**.
- Data submitted to ODMAP **cannot be used in criminal investigations or prosecutions**.
- Counties incurring costs due to compliance may be eligible for **state reimbursement under applicable statutes**.

### Getting Started with ODMAP:

- Coroners and Medical Examiners must request agency access and apply to create an account [here](#). Once the application is approved, please contact the ORS team below for training to begin submitting fatal overdose data.

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