

characteristics of each death are collected through NDICP data-collection forms.

In conclusion, it is proposed that Canada establishes a national database that compiles comprehensive information on the causes and surrounding circumstances of in-custody deaths. Along these lines, efforts need to be undertaken to develop uniform reporting procedures and which include key known risk factors to ensure that data collection is consistent across the country. Without such reliable data, it is impossible to determine if there are any trends or patterns in in-custody deaths. Analysis of these trends and patterns will assist in developing intervention and prevention policies. Establishing a national database will also go a long way to reducing the risk of secondary victimization by the victim.

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