

**144.222 REPORTS OF FETAL OR INFANT DEATH.**

Subdivision 1. **Fetal death report required.** A fetal death report must be filed within five days of the death of a fetus for whom 20 or more weeks of gestation have elapsed, except for abortions defined under section 145.4241. A fetal death report must be prepared in a format prescribed by the state registrar and filed in accordance with Minnesota Rules, parts 4601.0100 to 4601.2600 by:

(1) a person in charge of an institution or that person's authorized designee if a fetus is delivered in the institution or en route to the institution;

(2) a physician, certified nurse midwife, or other licensed medical personnel in attendance at or immediately after the delivery if a fetus is delivered outside an institution; or

(3) a parent or other person in charge of the disposition of the remains if a fetal death occurred without medical attendance at or immediately after the delivery.

Subd. 2. **Sudden infant death.** Each infant death which is diagnosed as sudden infant death syndrome shall be reported within five days to the state registrar.

**History:** 1978 c 699 s 11; 1984 c 637 s 2; 1Sp2001 c 9 art 15 s 20; 2002 c 379 art 1 s 113; 2005 c 60 s 3