

EMS and Trauma Registries

Medical Examiner / Justice of the Peace Resources

Medical Examiners (MEs) and Justices of the Peace (JPs) should report the following to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Registries (EMSTR):

- All traumatic brain injuries (TBIs)
- Spinal cord injuries (SCIs)
- Submersions (drownings and near drownings)

If an ME or JP completes an inquest and suspects the above injuries, please report them through the EMSTR online reporting system. JPs are not required to report any data if their region's ME handles all inquests.

Submit data here:

injury.dshs.texas.gov/injury/login.do

JPs and MEs or their authorized third-party submitter should submit a report within 90 days after a reportable injury. EMSTR must have a Business Associate Agreement (BAA) on file before accepting third-party submissions. EMSTR recommends that an ME or JP submit data every month.



NOTE: EMSTR no longer accepts paper records.

Please submit questions to injury.web@dshs.texas.gov



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Resources and Laws

Under Texas law, Medical Examiners and Justices of the Peace must report all traumatic brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, and submersions to the EMS and Trauma Registries.

RESOURCES

- Submersion Data Dictionary:
dshs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/injury/registry/Data-Dictionaries/Submersion-Data-Dictionary.pdf
- TBI and SCI Data Dictionary:
dshs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/injury/registry/Data-Dictionaries/TBI/SCI-Data-Dictionary.pdf
- Reporting Quick Guide:
dshs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/injury/registry/RuleQuickGuide.pdf
- Sample Business Associate Agreement (BAA):
dshs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/injury/registry/EMS-TR_HIPAA_BAA.docx
- EMSTR MAVEN Submissions Reporting System:
injury.dshs.texas.gov/injury/login.do

RELEVANT LAWS AND RULES

- Health & Safety Code, Chapter 92.003:
statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.92.htm
- Texas Administrative Code Chapter 103.4:
[texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=25&pt=1&ch=103&rl=4](https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=25&pt=1&ch=103&rl=4)
- Texas Administrative Code Chapter 103.6:
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For more information, visit:

dshs.texas.gov/injury-prevention/ems-trauma-registries/medical-examiner or dshs.texas.gov/injury-prevention/ems-trauma-registries/justice-the-peace