



# Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016

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## *Inquiries into deaths occurring in Scotland*

### **4 Discretionary inquiries**

- (1) An inquiry is to be held into the death of a person which occurred in Scotland if the Lord Advocate—
- (a) considers that the death—
    - (i) was sudden, suspicious or unexplained, or
    - (ii) occurred in circumstances giving rise to serious public concern, and
  - (b) decides that it is in the public interest for an inquiry to be held into the circumstances of the death.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a death within section 2(3) or (4).