

# Why is the Solicitor General letting Ontario's Chief Coroner cut the services Ontario's grieving families need?



Until now, grieving families have had the comfort of knowing that all Ontario coroners are licensed medical doctors. They have the experience, training and understanding this difficult job demands.

But a proposal has been made to change the rules and let far less qualified people be coroners. Potentially, even people with no medical experience.

It's all part of a plan by the Office of the Chief Coroner to cut the level and quality of service families depend on – first in nursing homes and now everywhere else.

It couldn't come at a worse time. The Ontario death rate is rising and cases are becoming more complex. The opioid crisis, Covid and issues in nursing homes are making it even more vital that we have the very best coroners.

## **Lowering the qualifications for coroners is a very bad idea.**

- Families will be denied the closure they need.
- Crimes will go unrecognized.
- Dangerous situations will go unreported.
- The number of expensive and time-consuming autopsies will skyrocket.

**As Ontario's coroners, we call on the Premier and Solicitor General to tell the Office of the Chief Coroner to drop this plan now and give families the quality of care they deserve.**

A message from



Ontario Coroners Association

