

## Drug Handling (Prescription and Illicit)

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### Policy:

The Skagit County Coroner's Office will not accept or take custody of any medication or drug (illicit or prescription) from the scene of a death or from any agency that has collected said medication or drug in association to a death investigation. Refer to RCW 69.41.030

When at a scene and there are prescription or illicit drugs present, the investigator must use the appropriate PPE to handle these items. Any prescriptions or illicit drugs must be well photographed and written documentation of the medications or substances present included in the investigator narrative. The investigator will photograph the medication or drug and request that the law enforcement official attending the scene collect it as evidence for destruction.

If medications are found after the body has arrived at the morgue, the Coroner must be notified so disposal can be arranged

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