

NVDRS Variables List

Variables Collected in NVDRS Web System

As of July 2022

Note: This list does not include variables from optional modules, which are not currently available for distribution to external researchers.

Victim admitted to inpatient care
1st external cause of injury code by hospital (*ICD-9- & ICD-10 CM*)
2nd external cause of injury code by hospital (*ICD-9- & ICD-10-CM*)
Underlying cause of death ICD-10 code
ICD 10 4th character
ICD 10 5th character
Immediate cause of death, (*text field*)
Cause leading to immediate cause, (*text field*)
Next antecedent cause of death, (*text field*)
Underlying cause of death, (*text field*)
Other significant conditions contributing to death, (*text field*)
How injury occurred, (*text field*)
Place of death
Place of death, if other (*text field*)
Date pronounced dead
Date of death
State of death
Autopsy performed
Multiple conditions on death certificate 1-10

Wound Location Variables

Number of wounds
Number of bullets that hit victim
Wound to the head
Wound to the face
Wound to the neck
Wound to the upper extremity
Wound to the spine
Wound to the thorax
Wound to the abdomen
Wound to the lower extremity

Poisons/Toxicology Variables

No toxicology report
Date specimens were collected
Time specimens were collected
Substance(s) Name
(Specific) Substance tested
Poisons/Toxicology Variables, cont'd
(Specific) Substance result
Substance caused death
Person medication prescribed for
Substance categories (auto-populated)

Tested for alcohol

Poisons/Toxicology Variables, cont'd

Alcohol test results
Tested for carbon monoxide
Results for carbon monoxide
Tested for amphetamines
Results for amphetamines
Tested for anticonvulsants
Results for anticonvulsants
Tested for antidepressants
Results for antidepressants
Tested for antipsychotics
Results for antipsychotics
Tested for barbiturates
Results for barbiturates
Tested for benzodiazepines
Results for benzodiazepines
Tested for cocaine
Results for cocaine
Tested for marijuana
Results for marijuana
Tested for muscle relaxant
Results for muscle relaxant
Tested for opiate(s)
Results for opiate(s)
Blood alcohol concentration results
Carbon monoxide source, if CO
Comments (text field)

Suspect Variables

Victim's relationship to suspect 1
Victim's relationship to suspect 2
Primary suspect for this victim (*if multiple suspects*)
2nd suspect for this victim (*if multiple suspects*)
3rd suspect for this victim (*if multiple suspects*)
Suspect was also a victim
Suspect attempted suicide after incident
Suspect was caregiver
History of abuse of victim
Suspect was mentally ill
Suspect had developmental disability
Suspected alcohol use
Suspected substance use

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Suspect had contact with law enforcement

Suspect recently released from institution

Circumstance Variables by Manners of Death

**Indicates Crisis Information Collected*

All Manners of Death

Current depressed mood

Current diagnosed mental health problem*

Type of first mental illness diagnosed

Type of 2nd mental illness diagnosed

Other mental health diagnosis (*text field*)

Current treatment for mental illness/ substance abuse

Ever treated for mental illness

Alcohol problem*

Other substance problem*

Other addiction*

Terrorist attack

Family relationship problem*

Family Stressor

Other relationship problem*

Abuse and neglect led to death

History of abuse as a child

Perpetrator of violence in the past month

Victim of violence in the past month

Prior Child Protective Services report on the child victim's household

Substance abuse in child victim's household

Living transition/loss of independent living

Household known to local authorities

Victim known to authorities

Non-adherence to mental health/substance abuse treatment

Physical fight (mutual between 2 people)

Argument

Timing of the most recent argument

Precipitated by another crime

Nature of first other crime

Nature of 2nd other crime

First other crime in progress

Circumstances known

Other circumstance (*text field*)

Crisis in past 2 weeks

Disaster exposure*

Homicide/Legal Intervention Deaths

Intimate partner violence related

Stalking*

Prostitution or sex trafficking*

Gang related

Justifiable self-defense/law enforcement

Victim was a police officer on duty

Victim was a bystander

Random violence

Victim was intervener assisting crime victim

Victim used a weapon

Homicide/Legal Intervention Deaths, cont'd

Mercy killing

Hate crime

Jealousy (lover's triangle)*

Brawl

Walk-by assault

Drive-by shooting (*homicide only*)

Drug Involvement

Caregiver use of corporal punishment contributed to the death of the child victim

Suicide & Undetermined Deaths

History of suicidal thoughts or plans

History of suicide attempts

History of Traumatic Brain Injury

Recent disclosed suicidal thoughts or intent Disclosed suicidal intent to whom

Person left a suicide note

Contributing criminal legal problem*

Civil legal problems*

Physical health problem*

Job problem*

Financial problem*

School problem*

Eviction/loss of home*

Suicide of a friend or family member*

Other death of friend or family

Anniversary of traumatic event

Intimate partner problem*

Caregiver burden

History of non-suicidal self-injury/self-harm

Unintentional Firearm Deaths

Hunting

Target shooting

Self-defensive shooting

Celebratory firing

Loading/ unloading gun

Cleaning gun

Showing gun to others

Playing with gun

Other context of injury

Thought safety was engaged

Thought unloaded, magazine disengaged

Thought gun was unloaded, other

Unintentionally pulled trigger

Bullet ricochet

Unintentional Firearm Deaths, cont'd

Gun defect or malfunction

Fired while holstering/un-holstering

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Dropped gun

Fired while operating safety/lock

Unintentional Firearm Deaths, cont'd

Gun mistaken for toy

Other mechanism of injury

Weapons

Weapon type

Additional weapon information *(text field)*

Firearm type

Firearm gauge

Firearm caliber

Firearm make or NCIC code

Other firearm make *(text field)*

Firearm model

Firearm model *(text field)*

Gun stored loaded

Gun stored locked

Gun access narrative *(text field)*

Gun owner

Firearm stolen

Primary weapon that killed victim *(if multiple weapons)*

Second weapon causing injury *(if multiple weapons)*

Third weapon causing injury *(if multiple weapons)*

Total number of NVDRS weapons for this victim

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School-Associated Violent Death Module

Applicable to eligible deaths occurring on and after January 1, 2021

Incident Variables

Number of non-fatally injured persons
SAVD location type
SAVD campus location
Type of school-sponsored event
Security measures present at the time of injury
Security measures in-use at the time of injury
Type of security measures present and in-use at the time of injury
Signs that the violent act was being considered by the victim or suspect
Information known in advance of the incident by witnesses, bystanders, or informants

Victim Variables

Timing of the fatal injury
Victim's primary affiliation with the school
Victim behavior in the 12 months prior to the injury

- Name calling, teasing and/or bullying peers or school personnel (in person or online)
- Sent verbal, written, or electronic threats
- Posted threats or manifestos online via social media or other platforms
- Participated in activity aligning themselves with violent ideologies
- Physically threatened or physically fought with peers
- Damaged or stole another's personal property or damaged school property
- Possessed/used illicit substances
- Possessed a weapon
- Other (text box)

Victimization experiences in the 12 months prior to the injury

- Called names, teased, or was bullied by peers or school personnel (in person or online)
- Had personal property damaged or stolen
- Received verbal, written, or electronic threats
- Physically threatened and/or assaulted by peers
- Abuse, neglect, or other victimization experienced
- Physical child abuse
- Sexual child abuse
- Emotional (verbal or psychological) abuse as a child
- Neglect (physical, emotional, medical or educational neglect) as a child
- Victimization in intimate partner violence/ teen dating violence
- Victimization in sexual violence

Suspect Variables

Suspect arrest history
Suspect alcohol or drug problem
Highest grade in school completed by the suspect
Suspect's primary affiliation with the school
Crises experienced by the suspect within two weeks of the incident

- School-related crisis
- Family-related crisis
- Relationship-related crisis
- Mental health-related crisis
- Other crisis
- Other crisis text box

Suspect's behavior in the 12 months prior to the incident

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Victimization experienced by the suspect in the 12 months prior

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Public Safety Officer Suicide Module

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Agency, Role, and Status

Type of agency

- Law enforcement agency
 - State law enforcement
 - Campus police
 - City/county/town law enforcement
 - Tribal law enforcement
 - Federal law enforcement
 - Private law enforcement (non-governmental)
 - Unspecified
- Fire department
 - City/ county/town fire department
 - Federal fire agency
 - State fire department
 - Unspecified
- Emergency Medical Services
 - Private EMS Agency (non-governmental)
 - City/ county/town EMS Agency
 - Federal EMS agency
 - Tribal EMS agency
 - Campus EMS agency
 - State EMS agency
 - Air Medical Agency (e.g., air ambulance service)
 - Urban Search and Rescue (USAR)
 - Unspecified
- Military (e.g., Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy, Marines)
- Jail/corrections facility
- Court
 - Federal court
 - State court
 - Local jurisdiction court
 - Unspecified
- 911/Telecommunications Agency
 - State 911 agency
 - City/ county/town 911 agency
 - Tribal 911 agency
 - Federal 911 agency
 - Unspecified
- Other
- Unknown

Type of agency, other (*free text*)

Role (occupation)

- Law enforcement role
 - LE Officer Role
 - LE, Supervisor Role

- LE, Unspecified Role

- Firefighting role

- Firefighter Role
- Firefighter, Supervisor Role
- Firefighter, Unspecified Role

- Emergency Medical Services role

- Emergency Medical Service Clinician
- Emergency Medical Service, Supervisor Role
- Other Emergency Medical Service Clinician
- Emergency Medical Service Role, Unspecified Role

- Public Safety Telecommunications role

- Public Safety Telecommunicators
- Public Safety Telecommunicators, Supervisor Role
- Public Safety Telecommunicators, Unspecified Role

- Other

- Unknown

Role, other (*free text*)

Pay status

Active vs. retired

Work Environment Variables

History of chronic or acute traumatic work-related event

Timing of most recent chronic or acute traumatic work-related event

Type of chronic or acute traumatic work-related event

Referred to Employee Assistance Program (EAP) or mental health services

Work-related stressors

Work-related stressors, other (*free text*)

Injury Detail Variables

Duty status at time of injury

Decedent affected by chronic or acute work-related injury/disability

Detail about where fatal injury occurred

Detail about where fatal injury occurred, Other (*free text*)

Weapon Variables

Injury weapon was a work-issued firearm

