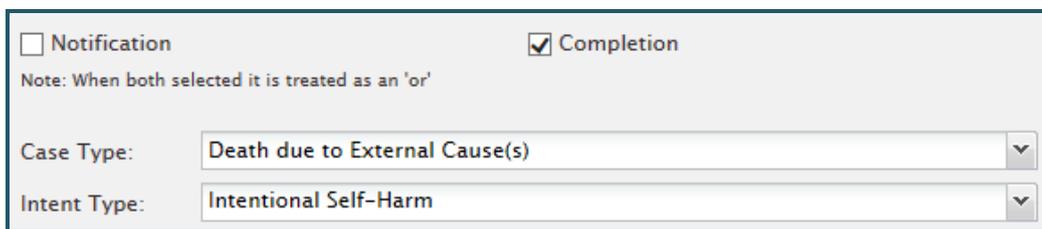


# Search Tips – Intentional Self-Harm

## How to search for Intentional Self-Harm deaths:

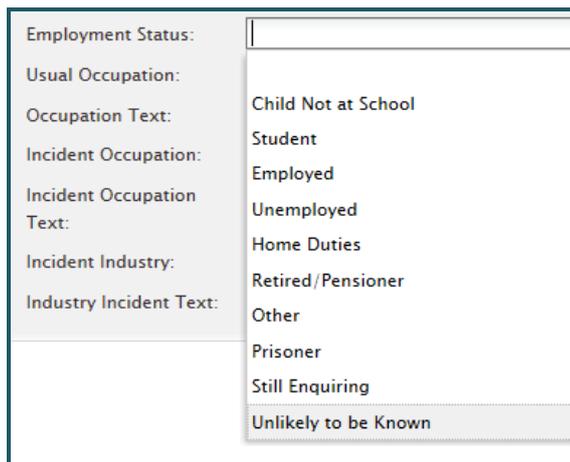
1. Select the Query Design screen from the NCIS Search menu.
2. In the middle of the first tab, **1 - Case Details**, you will see two tick boxes labelled 'Notification' and 'Completion'. These relate to the Case Type and Intent Type data fields. As we are focused on closed cases we can target the search by ticking the 'Completion' tick box to search for the status of the case upon completion. This will be the final information of the case as determined by the Coroner.
3. Select Case Type - "Death due to External Cause(s)".
4. Select Intent Type - "Intentional Self-Harm".



5. Enter other search parameters as required or appropriate, such as the jurisdiction or timeframe being searched. To access the Timeframe search options, tick the 'Use Date Search Option' tick box located under the Case Details tab.
6. Move to the sixth tab, **6 - Result Details**. Here you can select the fields you would like to see returned in the results. Make your selections then press the 'Search' button.

## Helpful hints:

You can refine your search based on your specific area of interest. For example, a project looking at Intentional Self-Harm deaths among the unemployed could go to the second tab, **2 - Occupation**, and select an Employment Status of "Unemployed". This would only return intentional self-harm cases where the deceased was coded as unemployed at the time of death.



To search for cases of specific methods of death, such as Intentional Self-Harm by hanging, you can use the fourth tab **4 - Mechanism/Object** to search by Mechanism and/or Object.

Mechanism of Injury		Object or Substance Producing Injury	
Level 1:	Threat To Breathing	Category 1:	Appliance Mainly Used In Household
Level 2:	Mechanical Threat To Breathing	Category 2:	Other Household Appliance
Level 3:	Hanging	Description:	Cord of Household Appliance, Extension Cord

If you are not sure how to find a particular Mechanism or Object, use the  button. This will provide you with relevant options to select from once you have entered a search term (e.g. "Rope").

### Object Code Search

Keyword:

Description	Select Code
Rope, String, or Twine	<a href="#">Select</a>
Skipping Rope	<a href="#">Select</a>

Refer to the NCIS Coding Manual and User Guide for information on the nuances of coding external cause death as there are coding rules applicable to the coding sequence for specific types of death (hanging, carbon monoxide poisoning, stabbing etc.)