



A PRELIMINARY GUIDE

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REGISTERING A DEATH

When to register

You will normally need to register within FIVE days of death, unless the coroner is carrying out any further enquiries.

Who can register

Usually a close relative. *If this is not possible, it can be done by:*

- Someone present at the death;
- The occupier of the building where the death occurred;
- The person making the funeral arrangements.

Where to register

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

A register office in the district where the death occurred.

If unable to attend the appropriate office, the death can be registered by declaration (please discuss with your funeral director).

DORSET REGISTRATION SERVICE

BLANDFORD, BRIDPORT, DORCHESTER, FERNDOWN, GILLINGHAM,
SHERBORNE, SWANAGE, WAREHAM, WEYMOUTH

01305 225153 www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/registeradeath

BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH & POOLE

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Bournemouth: 01202 454945 Poole/Christchurch: 01202 633744

What documents and information are required

You will need the Medical Cause of Death Certificate issued by a doctor (if the coroner issues the paperwork, it will be sent directly to the register office).

- The deceased's full name
- Any previous names (such as maiden name)
- Date and place of birth
- Date and place of death
- Recent occupation and usual address
- Full name, date of birth and occupation of spouse or civil partner

TELL US ONCE

At your appointment you can use the 'Tell Us Once' service to inform other government departments and local council services. Additional information you would need to take:

National Insurance number, knowledge of any benefits, services or public pensions, valid driving license, valid passport, valid Blue Badge.

The following questions have been compiled to help you think about the kind of decisions that will need to be made when arranging the funeral. You are under no pressure at all to decide on anything at this stage and we will explain everything to you face to face when we meet.

- Is the funeral to be a burial or a cremation?
- Which crematorium or cemetery?
- Where would you like the service to be held?
Church, cemetery or crematorium chapel?
- Do you anticipate many mourners attending?
- Do you have a preference for any particular minister or officiant to take the funeral service for you?
Religious service or a non-religious ceremony?
- Would you require any limousines for transportation?
- Where would you like the cortège to leave from?
- Where will you be returning to after the funeral?
- Will you be visiting the deceased in the chapel of rest to pay your last respects?
- Would you like the deceased to be wearing their own clothing or for us to supply a robe or gown?
- Are you welcoming flowers to be sent to the funeral or would you prefer donations in lieu for a chosen charity? *We will collect the donations on your behalf and hold the fund open for at least six weeks following the funeral, then we will write to you with a list of people who contributed towards the fund.*
- Would you like us to place any newspaper notices for you?
To announce the funeral details or personal messages.
- Do you have any special or personal music choices that you would like played during the service?
- Would you like us to print orders of service?
- If the arrangements are for cremation, do you have any thoughts about the final resting place of the cremated remains?

Please remember, you do not need to consider all or any of these questions if you do not feel you are ready. Your funeral director will discuss everything in detail with you when you meet.





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