

**481—900.2(156) Funeral director duties.**

**900.2(1)** Practices requiring a funeral director's license include but are not limited to:

- a.* Removal as specified in rule 481—900.4(142,156).
- b.* Embalming human remains as specified in rule 481—900.6(156) and completing embalming records as specified in paragraph 900.11(2)“*d.*”
- c.* Conducting funeral arrangements as specified in subrule 900.7(2).
- d.* Conducting funeral services when contracted to do so, including:
  - (1) Direct supervision of visitation and viewing.
  - (2) Funeral and memorial ceremonies.
  - (3) Committal and final disposition services.
- e.* Conducting cremation services as specified in rule 481—900.10(156).
- f.* Signing death certificates and performing associated duties under Iowa Code chapter 144.

**900.2(2)** Delegation of professional tasks.

- a.* Registered interns. Registered interns may provide funeral director services identified in paragraphs 900.2(1)“*a*” through “*f*” under the direct supervision of an Iowa-licensed preceptor. A registered intern will not sign a death certificate.
- b.* A funeral director may delegate solely the transportation of unembalmed human remains to a registered removal technician pursuant to subrule 900.4(3).

**900.2(3)** CDC universal precautions and OSHA standards. The funeral director and delegates identified in subrule 900.2(2) will observe current guidelines of universal precautions as prescribed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards.

**900.2(4)** Funeral directors who provide mortuary science services from funeral establishments located in another state. A funeral director who holds an active Iowa funeral director's license and whose practice is conducted from a funeral establishment located in another state may provide mortuary science services in Iowa if the establishment holds a current license in the state in which it is located, if such a license is required.

**900.2(5)** Withholding human remains. A funeral director will not withhold human remains based solely on nonpayment of fees.

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