

481—900.4(142,156) Removal and transfer of human remains.

900.4(1) Removal and transfer of human remains. The funeral director will perform the following duties upon notification of a death:

a. Comply with jurisdictional authority, with respect to medicolegal responsibilities, regarding the removal of the human remains.

b. Provide signature and license number when removing a human remains from a hospital, nursing establishment or any other institution involved with the care of the public.

900.4(2) After the funeral director has assumed custody of the human remains, the funeral director may delegate the task of transferring the human remains to an unlicensed employee, intern, or agent. Prior to transfer, the funeral director will topically disinfect the body, secure all body orifices to retain all secretions, place the human remains in a leakproof container for transfer that will control odor and prevent the leakage of body fluids, and issue a burial transit permit.

900.4(3) A funeral director may delegate to a removal technician the removal and transportation of unembalmed human remains without first assuming custody, and without topically disinfecting or securing body orifices, if either of the following is true. The removal and transportation is:

a. At the direction of the medical examiner; or

b. To or from the funeral establishment where the removal technician is registered.

900.4(4) A removal technician must complete the annual OSHA training related to blood-borne pathogens, formaldehyde exposure and proper lifting techniques.

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