

645—100.4(142,156) Removal and transfer of dead human remains and fetuses.

100.4(1) Removal and transfer of dead human remains. The funeral director shall perform the following duties upon notification of a death.

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

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

c. Inquire if an autopsy is to be performed and whether embalming is to be performed prior to the autopsy or following.

d. Obtain authorization for embalming from an authorized person.

100.4(2) After the funeral director has assumed custody of the human remains, provided that death was not caused by a reportable communicable disease, the funeral director may delegate the task of transferring the dead human remains to an unlicensed employee or agent. Prior to transfer, the funeral director shall 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. If the decedent died of a reportable communicable disease, transfer shall only be made by a funeral director.