

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.

100.4(2) After the funeral director has assumed custody of the human remains, 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.

100.4(3) A funeral director may delegate the transportation of unembalmed human remains to an unlicensed employee or agent of the funeral home without first assuming custody and without topically disinfecting or securing body orifices if all of the following are true:

a. The transportation is to or from the medical examiner's office, or otherwise at the direction of the medical examiner;

b. The remains are placed in a leakproof container by medical examiner personnel; and

c. The employee or agent is issued a burial transit permit or other evidence of authorization.

100.4(4) An unlicensed employee or agent referred to in subrules 100.4(2) and 100.4(3) shall have completed the annual OSHA training related to blood-borne pathogens.