

Barney Raymond Funeral Directors

Useful Information

In this section looks in more detail at the issues dealt with in the frequently asked Questions, as well as some other topics which may arise following a bereavement.

Where the Death took place:

In Hospital: (Government/Private)

1) Obtain the Doctors Certificate of Death

a. This will be issued by the doctor in charge of the ward and could be collected from ward or Inquiry office of the hospital. This certificate will be given to the person who made the admission. After which it should be taken to the relevant Registrar for registration.

b. Once you have obtained the **Certificate of Notice of Death (Death Certificate)** You could call your funeral director who would then remove the remains and proceed with the necessary funeral arrangements. This certificate is sufficient for the funeral arrangements.

2) If the patient died on admission, on the way to the hospital or the ward Doctor is unable to give a cause of death, it will be referred to the Coroner. If the Coroner is unable to ascertain the cause of death, he will refer the case to the Judicial Medical Officer of the hospital for a **post mortem**.

If, **after a post mortem**, the Coroner is still unable to establish the medical cause of death, an **Inquest** may be held. An inquest is an enquiry into the cause of death. After the inquest, the Coroner issues a medical certificate of the cause of death. This certificate is sufficient for you to proceed with the funeral arrangements. The Coroner will register the death in these cases. The death certificate will then be available at the Registrar's office.

At home:

If a death occurs at home, you need to contact the doctor (GP) who attended to the deceased during their final illness. Your doctor will issue the Doctor's "Certificate of death" (this certificate permits your local funeral director to remove the remains) and this has to be taken to the registrar of death in your area for registration. It is important to state where you will have the burial or the cremation. After noting down all the relevant details a **Registrar's Certificate of death** otherwise known as **Death Certificate** will be issued. This permits you to proceed with your funeral arrangements.

#if you are residing in the suburbs you are required to go to the **Grama Sevaka** in your area before you go to the Registrar of Death.

We are pleased to help you find the relevant Registrar's office in your area.

The information stated above is general rules and regulations which may vary from time to time depending on the hospital, area and the cause of death.

Death Abroad:

Every Country has its own rules about the formalities to be followed when a person dies. We at **Barney Raymonds**, will help you with these formalities and arrange for the remains to be brought home.

Repatriation:

We do undertake repatriation to any part of the world. We have worked with many Embassies in Sri Lanka and have vast experience in this field. We do undertake every aspect of the repatriation from the time we are informed of the death of the foreign national, to the time of the handing over of the remains to the Air Cargo Village. We also handle all the relevant documentation of the deceased.

Undoubtedly, the most traumatic of human passages is the final one. Death is difficult, not only for those approaching it, but also for those left behind. We at Barney Raymonds understand this and at the time of your grieving we want to help you make the right funeral planning for your departed loved ones whom you cherish so much. This where our unique and personalized service comes, as we are dedicated in providing the best to carry out your every wish.