

WAC 246-500-040 Transportation of human remains. (1) A person who transports human remains shall:

(a) Use effective hygienic measures consistent with handling potentially infectious material; and

(b) Obtain a burial-transit permit from the local registrar of vital statistics or initiates a report of death with the local registrar where the death occurred according to requirements of RCW 70.58A.210 prior to transporting human remains from one registration district to another.

(2) Prior to transporting human remains by common carrier, the person responsible for preparing and handling the remains shall:

(a) Enclose the human remains in a leak-resistant container placed inside another leak-resistant, securely constructed shipping container to prevent the release of all body fluids;

(b) Obtain and enclose the burial-transit permit in a sturdy envelope; and

(c) Attach the burial-transit permit to the shipping container.

(3) The person responsible for human remains routed to the point of final destination on a burial-transit permit:

(a) May temporarily hold the remains at a stopover point within the state of Washington for funeral or other purposes without an additional permit; and

(b) Shall surrender the burial-transit permit to the person in charge of the funeral establishment, reduction facility, or cemetery authority at the point of interment or reduction.

(4) A person in charge of the funeral establishment, reduction facility, or cemetery authority shall accept the burial-transit permit as authority for interment in a cemetery or for reduction within the state of Washington.

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