

WAC 308-47-070 Disposition of unclaimed reduced human remains.

(1) When reduced human remains have been in the possession of a reduction facility, funeral establishment or cemetery for a period of ninety days or more, the entity holding the human remains following reduction may arrange for disposition in any legal manner, provided the entity:

(a) Attempts to contact the authorizing agent for disposition instructions by U.S. mail to the last known address;

(b) Informs the authorizing agent(s) of the procedures that will be followed if disposition instructions are not received;

(c) Informs the authorizing agent(s) that disposition will take place if disposition instructions are not received within sixty days of initiation of the contact process;

(d) Informs the authorizing agent(s) that recovery of the human remains following reduction, after the disposition, may or may not be possible; and

(e) Maintains a permanent record of the location of the disposition.

(2) No entity making disposition of human remains following reduction under subsection (1) of this section will be liable for the disposition or nonrecoverability of the human remains.

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