

WAC 308-47-030 Holding human remains for cremation. (1) A crematory must not accept or hold human remains unless the human remains are contained in a cremation container which meets the following requirements:

(a) Assure protection to the health and safety of the crematory operator;

(b) Provide proper covering for the human remains; and

(c) Be resistant to leakage or spillage of bodily fluids.

(2) The holding facility must:

(a) Comply with WAC 246-500-020 and all applicable public health laws;

(b) Preserve the dignity of the human remains;

(c) Recognize the health and safety of crematory operators and others; and

(d) Be secure from access by anyone other than authorized personnel.

(3) If human remains are delivered to a crematory in a noncombustible container, the transfer of the remains to a combustible container must be performed by a properly licensed individual and in accordance with WAC 308-48-030.

(4) When a container is delivered and shows evidence of bodily fluid leakage, it must be returned to the contracting funeral establishment or transferred to a new container by a properly licensed individual.

(5) Human remains that are not embalmed must be held only within a mechanically or commercially acceptable refrigerated facility of adequate capacity, with a maximum temperature of 48 degrees Fahrenheit, and otherwise meet the requirements of chapter 246-500 WAC.

(6) If the crematory requires the removal of implanted devices, the devices must be removed by an embalmer or embalmer intern prior to delivery of the human remains to the crematory.

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