

WAC 308-47-040 Reduction of human remains. (1) Reduction must not take place until the burial transit permit and authorization for the reduction method are obtained.

(2) Immediately prior to being placed within the reduction chamber, the identification of the human remains must be verified by the reduction facility operator. Appropriate identification of the human remains will be placed near the reduction chamber in such a way as to identify the human remains being reduced. The metal identification disc or metal tag must be placed in the reduction chamber, with the human remains.

(3) Simultaneous reduction of more than one human remains within the same reduction chamber is not permitted, unless written authorization is obtained from the authorizing agent(s). Such written authorization will exempt the reduction facility from all liability for commingling the products of the reduction process.

(4) Simultaneous reduction of more than one human remains within the same reduction chamber may be performed without the authorizations required in subsection (3) of this section, if:

(a) Equipment, techniques, and other devices are employed that keep the human remains separate and distinct, before and during the reduction process;

(b) Recoverable human remains following reduction are kept separate and distinct after the reduction process.

(5) Reduction facilities licensed by the state funeral and cemetery board will not be used for any other purpose than the reduction of human remains, cadavers, or human body parts.

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