

When Someone Dies

Who will need to be informed as soon as possible?

- next of kin, if not present
- family doctor, if the person dies at home
- funeral director, if the family is using one (the deceased may already have made arrangements)

In addition, if you are called to someone who has died unexpectedly or in unusual circumstances, the police will need to be informed. Do not touch or move anything in the room.

What happens next

Arranging the funeral.

If the cause of death is clear, the doctor will issue a medical certificate, a formal notice confirming that he or she has died.

This notice gives information on how to register the death and will enable funeral arrangements to be made.

If the doctor reports the death to the coroner, there may be a delay while a post mortem or inquest is carried out.

The coroner's office will advise you on what arrangements may be made.

During this time the priest will meet with you, not just to plan the funeral, but to talk and listen.

Registering the death

The death will need to be registered within five days unless it has been reported to the coroner.

Further detail concerning these procedures can be found in a booklet available from the Department of Social Security.

This leaflet is based on one prepared by the Liturgy Office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

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