

# When someone dies

## *What to do*

When a death occurs, a doctor must sign a certificate that confirms the death and then funeral or other arrangements such as coronial investigation, are made.

**Death at home** – an **expected death** is not an emergency. A doctor will need to attend and certify the death. If the **death is unexpected**, then call the police.

**Death in hospital or care facility** – the staff will help and guide you.

Generally state health laws provide the rules about body disposal. There are also laws covering human rights, consumer protection, funeral bonds, pre-paid funerals and more.


Page 2 has links to relevant government sites for initial information.



## *Internet Search Tips*

Government and not-for-profit websites are a great starting point.

Some tips:

- government sites have **a gov.au** address
- an **org** or **org.au** site is usually a not-for-profit organisation, like us!
- if there is an  symbol, then the site owner has paid to be listed first – they are selling a service!

## *Write a list of questions*

We suggest you do some internet research, talk with family and friends and write a list of questions to ask potential service providers. You wouldn't buy a car without research; the same applies to funeral service providers. It is important not to feel rushed or pressured.

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## *Some informative websites*

<b>AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT</b>	<a href="#">What to do when someone dies</a>
<b>ACT</b>	<a href="#">Death registration</a> <a href="#">Death registration PDF</a> <a href="#">ACT Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages</a> <a href="#">Coroner's Court</a>
<b>NSW</b>	<a href="#">Legal Answers</a> <a href="#">NSW Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages</a> <a href="#">Coroner's Court</a> Book resource – <a href="#">Rest Assured</a>
<b>NT</b>	<a href="#">When someone dies</a> <a href="#">NT Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages</a> <a href="#">Coroner and inquests</a>
<b>QLD</b>	<a href="#">Death in Qld</a> <a href="#">QLD Checklist</a> <a href="#">QLD Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages</a> <a href="#">QLD Coroner</a>
<b>SA</b>	<a href="#">SA When Someone Dies</a> <a href="#">SA Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages</a> <a href="#">SA Coroner</a>
<b>TAS</b>	<a href="#">TAS Births, Death and Marriages</a> <a href="#">TAS Coroner</a>
<b>VIC</b>	<a href="#">VIC when someone dies</a> <a href="#">VIC Births, Deaths and Marriages</a> <a href="#">VIC Coroner's Court</a>
<b>WA</b>	<a href="#">WA When someone dies</a> <a href="#">WA Births Deaths and Marriages</a> <a href="#">WA Cremation regulations</a> <a href="#">WA Cemeteries Board</a>

## *Other excellent resources*

If you have an Australian resource that you think may be of interest, please contact us.

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