



Walsall Council

Burials organised without the use of a funeral director – guidance for families

The attention of the applicant is brought to the following points:

1. The applicant is responsible for the safety of members of the family/community undertaking the back-filling of the grave.
 - In the event of severe weather, the council reserves the right to cancel an interment if it considers that there are unacceptable hazards to the safety of members of the public
 - If a coffin is used it must be of substantial composition and fit for the purpose
 - Applicants and funeral directors are responsible for providing an accurate coffin size prior to the grave being excavated. Failure to do so may delay the interment.
 - There must be no undue delay between interment and back-filling of the grave.
 - Only two people should back-fill at any one time.
 - Only equipment provided by the local authority is to be used.
 - The area immediately around the grave should be kept as free as possible.
 - The instructions of the authority's staff must be followed.
2. In the case of a coffinless burial, the covering shell must be removed immediately prior to interment.
3. The applicant will ensure that the correct name is displayed on the coffin and, in the case of a coffinless burial, also on the base plate and shroud.
4. The applicant will ensure that the correct coffin size or base plate size is given to Walsall Council's Bereavement Services in adequate time for the grave to be excavated to the required dimensions.
5. The applicant will ensure that the cortege arrives at the cemetery without undue delay.
6. The applicant agrees to abide by the Rules and Regulations in respect of cemeteries and crematoria in Walsall.

I ACCEPT THE ABOVE AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM

Name of applicant:

Signed:

Date:

Name of deceased:

Date of funeral: