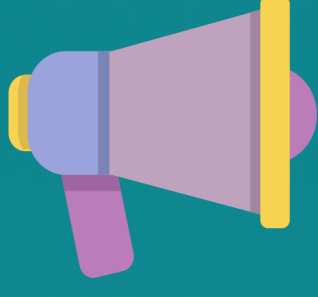


Procedure for Funeral Arrangements

People to Contact During Bereavement:



- ✓ Family Doctor
- ✓ Local Imam

- ✓ Balham Mosque Funeral Director
- ✓ Close Relatives & Family Friends

Follow Procedure Based on Circumstances of Death:



Death Occurs at Home
Cause of Death Known



Death Occurs at Home
Cause of Death Unknown



Death Occurs in Hospital
Cause of Death Known



Death Occurs in Hospital
Cause of Death Unknown

When is a Coroner Involved and When Does a Post-Mortem Have to be Done?



If the deceased person was not attended by a doctor during their last lines or within 14 days of death



If the cause of death is uncertain



If death was sudden, violent or caused by an accident



If the cause of death is due to industrial disease



If after a post-mortem examination the cause of death is uncertain or was due to an accident, violence or industrial disease then an inquest will be held

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Procedure to Follow & Documentation Required



Death Occurs at Home
Cause of Death Known



Death Occurs at Home
Cause of Death Unknown



Death Occurs in Hospital
Cause of Death Known



Death Occurs in Hospital
Cause of Death Unknown

Medical Certificate issued by Family Doctor/GP



Hospital Doctor issues a medical certificate to certify cause of death



If Family Doctor/GP unable to certify cause of death, they will report to police, who will engage the Coroner



Coroner Arranges Post Mortem & Issues Pink Form (Natural Causes Only)



Subject to permission of nearest relative



Coroner Arranges an Inquest if Death is not due to natural causes - after the inquest, the Coroner will send a certificate to the Registrar stating the cause of death



Consent of relatives not required



Close Relative to take Medical Certificate or Pink Form to Registrar of Births & Deaths of the District/Borough where death took place



Registrar issues Certificate of Disposal (Green Certificate) and Certificate of Registration of Death



Green Certificate to be given to the Undertaker/Funeral Director as an authorisation for burial



Undertaker/Funeral Director transports deceased to Balham Mosque Mortuary once Green Certificate is obtained



Balham Mosque Funeral Director organises the burial with the chosen cemetery



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Ghusl & Janazaa



At least 4 persons should be present to help bathe and carry the body



The Ghusl & Janazaa will normally take place at Balham Mosque



An Imam will usually be available to guide the washing and prepare the kafan/shroud

Things to keep in mind...



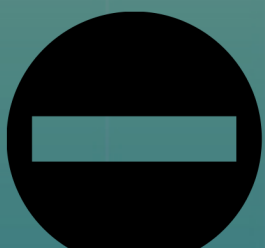
During Public Holidays or after office hours, the Certificate of disposal can be obtained from Registrar of Death from their home



During winter months the latest time for burial is 3.00pm and during summer months the latest time for burial is 4.00pm



Once the necessary paperwork has been obtained from the authorities, the undertaker/Funeral Director will help to transport the deceased from the hospital to the place of Ghusl (normally Balham Mosque)



Certain cemeteries do not allow coffin boxes to be opened at the grave yard so make sure the head of the deceased is facing the Qibla before entering the cemetery



Remember, the Balham Mosque Funeral Director can assist & guide you with the formalities at every stage - just ask!

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