

Useful Contacts

1. Citizen's Advice Bureau www.adviceguide.org.uk
2. Your local Department for Work & Pensions
3. CRUSE Bereavement Care Tel: 0844 477 9400
4. Compassionate Friends Helpline Tel: 08451 232304
5. Lesbian & Gay Bereavement Project Tel: 0207 403 5969

Funeral Services

The person arranging the service may choose any form of service. If you do not want any form of religious ceremony, the **British Humanist Association** can give advice on a non-religious (secular) service.
1 Gower Street, London WC1E 6HD
Tel: 020 7079 3580 website: www.humanism.org.uk

If you do not want a service of any kind, the funeral director can arrange for burial or cremation without any form of service.

National Association of Funeral Directors

618 Warwick Road, Solihull B91 1AA
Tel: 0845 230 1343
email: info@naafd.org.uk website: www.nafd.org.uk

The Society of Allied and Independent Funeral Directors

3 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, Herts CM21 9DB
Tel: 0845 230 6777
The Society has a code of practice for its members.

The Natural Death Centre can give advice on environmentally friendly burials, as well as on inexpensive funerals that do not need the services of a funeral director.

12a Blackstock Mews, Blackstock Road, London N4 2BT
Helpline: 0871 288 2098 website: www.naturaldeath.org.uk

St Catherine's Hospice
Malthouse Road, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 6BH
Registered Charity no. 281362
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Information to help you after a death

Information required to register a death

Aide Memoire

Full name of deceased.....

The place and date of death

Maiden name
(if deceased was a woman who had been married)

Place and date of birth

Occupation of deceased

Occupation of husband
(if deceased was a married woman or widow)

Deceased's usual address

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Date of birth of surviving widow/widower
(if deceased was married)

Details of Pension/Allowance from DWP

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The deceased's medical card, birth and marriage certificates
should be handed to the Registrar

Registering a death

The death should be registered by the registrar for the area in which your relative died. For this hospice, the registrar is at:

Registrar of Births and Deaths
County Buildings
Exchange Road
Crawley
RH10 1XB

Please telephone 01293 514545 to make an appointment

Office hours: Monday to Friday 9.30am - 1.00pm
2.00pm - 4.30pm

Before the registrar can take any information from you, he/she must see the death certificate issued by the doctor, or by the Coroner if there has been a post mortem.

There is a charge for death certificates which needs to be paid by cheque or postal order.

If it is difficult for you to travel to the right registrar's office to register the death, you can go to a registrar in a more convenient place in England or Wales. They will not be able to register the death, or give you the funeral director's certificate or death certificate, but they will pass the details to the correct registrar for the area where the person has died.

The certificates will be posted to you a few days later. This may cause delays for you in organising the funeral.

Before you decide whether to go to a registrar's office outside the area in which the death took place, it would be a good idea to tell the following people:

- The funeral director who is arranging the burial or cremation
- The registrar for the district where the death took place who will have to register the death