

Here are a few other helpful traveling hints. Sometimes we are faced with a death that happens at home when we are away from home. Having a tentative itinerary with contacts every two to three days makes it much easier to try to find someone should an emergency arise. An even easier method is to phone home every second or third day yourself. A license number and description of the automobile, truck or motorhome you are traveling in is also a helpful bit of information should it be necessary to contact the Highway Patrol to find you in the particular state you might be traveling in.

These are the basics you will need to know. Any further questions can be answered by the staff at Hudson's Funeral Home & On-Site Crematory. We will be glad to help you in any way possible.

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WHAT IF DEATH OCCURS AWAY FROM HOME?

WHAT IF a loved one were to die - away from home? What if I were to die somewhere else? What would my family do? What if . . ?

“What if” is a concern for today’s mobile society where our jobs, pleasure trips, winter vacations and retirement often take us far away from home to all parts of this vast country and other countries in the world. This pamphlet is intended to give some light and information to a situation that may seem extremely difficult, but which, in reality, can be handled with a simple phone call.

If you are traveling and a companion dies, you first need to get emergency help. If you are in a hotel, call the front desk. The desk clerk will know where to call for paramedics or an ambulance. In most other public places such as restaurants, museums, theaters, theme parks, etc., ask the nearest waiter, clerk, usher or attendant to call for help. At a campground or other outdoor facility, notify a staff member or law enforcement officer, such as a park ranger, who will call for emergency help. If there is no one near to assist you, go to the nearest phone and dial 911 or “O” for help.

Even if you believe your companion is already dead, call and get emergency help. There’s always the possibility that he or she can be revived by trained emergency personnel. Many states require that a doctor must be present to declare your loved one dead and specify a cause of death. If the doctor isn’t sure of the cause of death, or if the death may have been caused by accident, suicide or homicide, the county medical examiner will need to be notified.

Should death occur in a foreign country, contact the American Embassy. Their staff will advise you on the proper procedure.

The first rule to remember in a situation where death has occurred away from your normal residence is to phone Hudson's Funeral Home & On-Site Crematory at 307.332.2221. **The staff at Hudson's Funeral Home and On-Site Crematory is fully prepared and equipped to handle all of your needs from our office in Lander, 24 hours a day.** We will take a few minutes to discuss with you what your particular needs and desires might be and to gather any necessary information that might be needed. We will arrange for the body of your loved one to be removed from the place of death to a funeral home where the body will be prepared to be returned to Hudson's Funeral Home & On-Site Crematory. We will also work with the directors of that funeral home to make transportation arrangements for the body. Depending on the distance to be traveled, the normal procedure is for the body of your loved one to be returned by an airliner. However, other arrangements can and will be made depending on your individual situation. At that time your only concern would be to make your plans to return home. Upon your return you would then meet with one of our funeral directors and finalize all the details of the funeral service itself.

WHY IS THIS THE BEST PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW?

Often the people at the place where the death occurs will tell you that you have to call a local funeral home right then and there. In reality, you certainly have the right to call the funeral director of your choice, and that should be Hudson's Funeral Home & On-Site Crematory. More often than not, this simple procedure will also save you money. We will more than likely be able to obtain the services necessary to prepare the body of your loved one for transportation back home at a lesser cost than if you were to contract for those services directly with the funeral home in the place where the death occurred. We are also prepared to pay for those services on your behalf so that you would not have to pay for them before you leave the community where the death has occurred.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS INVOLVED AND WHAT TYPE OF INFORMATION IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO TRANSPORT?

The cost of services provided by the out-of-town funeral home will vary depending on the means that Hudson's Funeral Home & On-Site Crematory uses to secure the out-of-town services. Typically the cost should be between \$950.00 and \$1500.00. There may also be special circumstances which might affect these costs.

Other costs that will be involved are the air shipping container required by the airlines to place the body of your loved one on the airliner and the cost of the air transportation itself. In addition, there will be costs for taking the body to the airport by the out-of-town funeral home and taking the body from the receiving airport to Hudson's Funeral Home & On-Site Crematory. The air shipping container cost will be approximately \$300.00. Air transportation cost will be charged at either a flat rate, usually between \$550.00 and \$700.00, or charged by the distance to be traveled and weight of the air shipping container with the body of your loved one in it. If the death occurs in a place close enough to the Lander, WY area that ground transportation is either less expensive or preferred over air transportation, the ground transportation is charged on a per-mile basis, one-way to the destination.

You will need to have certain information available for filing the death certificate and other necessary permits. This information would include, but is not limited to, your loved one's name, home address, birth date, birthplace, race, occupation, spouse's name (or maiden name if wife), father's name, mother's maiden name, Social Security number, veteran's status, level of education and place of interment. A few states also ask for the length of time the person was in that state. Federal law also requires permission by the next of kin to embalm the body of your loved one. This permission may be given to Hudson's Funeral Home & On-Site Crematory over the telephone. In most states embalming is not required by law. Most states, however, do require embalming if the body will be transported across state lines. In addition, all airlines require that a body must be embalmed before they will accept it for transport. It should also be noted that we can and will arrange for any other services desired or needed even though the death has occurred away from home.

PRE-ARRANGED FUNERAL INFORMATION AND PRE-PAID FUNERAL PLANS SIMPLIFY THE LEGALITIES OF EMBALMING AND GIVE HUDSON'S FUNERAL HOME & ON-SITE CREMATORY. THE AUTHORITY TO ACT ON YOUR BEHALF IMMEDIATELY. PRE-PLANNING ALSO GIVES OUR STAFF THE NECESSARY INFORMATION TO OBTAIN THE DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO TRANSPORT THE BODY OF THE DECEASED BACK HOME.