

PART 4. CARE AND STORAGE OF REMAINS

R 339.18932 Proper care and storage of dead human bodies and cremated remains.

Rule 32. (1) In accordance with section 1805 of the code, MCL 339.1805, proper care and storage of dead human bodies as it pertains to the authorized activities of a licensee includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

(a) Dead human bodies must be clothed or completely covered except during embalming or preparation.

(b) Dead human bodies or cremated remains must not be placed or stored directly on the floor of any room. For the purposes of this subdivision, the floor of any room includes the floor of a room that is part of a refrigeration unit.

(c) Not more than 1 dead human body may be stored per container, unless otherwise authorized by the decedent's authorizing agent.

(d) Dead human bodies must be stored and transported face up at all times.

(e) Dead human bodies must not be placed on other dead human bodies for the purpose of preparation, storage, or transportation.

(f) The premises of any location where dead human bodies are stored be maintained in a sanitary and professional manner.

(g) When dead human bodies enter the care of a funeral establishment, the bodies must be affixed with a band or tag with the name of the deceased.

(h) A case report must be completed for all dead human bodies that enter the care of a funeral establishment and retained electronically or in other formats for no less than 7 years. The case report must include all of the following:

(i) Name of the decedent.

(ii) Date of death.

(iii) Name, license number, and signature of each licensee that supervised the handling of the decedent.

(iv) Condition of decedent.

(v) Listing of personal effects that accompany the decedent when the decedent enters the care of the funeral establishment.

(i) If the decedent is embalmed, the case report described under subdivision (h) of this subrule must also include all of the following:

(i) Date of embalming.

(ii) Procedures and chemicals used in the embalming process.

(iii) Name, license number, and signature of each licensee who performed the embalming.

(2) In accordance with section 1805 of the code, MCL 339.1805, proper care and storage of cremated remains being stored in a funeral establishment before release or disposition as it pertains to the authorized activities of a licensee includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

(a) Cremated remains must be stored in an area inaccessible to the public.

(b) Cremated remains must be contained in a rigid container or permanent container selected by the consumer with the name of the deceased, date of the cremation, and name of the crematory that performed the cremation affixed to the receptacle holding the cremated remains.

(c) The funeral establishment shall maintain a record for not less than 7 years that identifies the release, disposition, or location of cremated remains.