

Community Deathcare Canada

British Columbia Home Funeral Documentation Pathway

Medical Certificate of Death (MCOB)

Provided and signed by the attending MD, Registered Nurse or Coroner. Must be signed within 48 hours. If the death occurred in hospital, a release form may also need to be signed by next of kin.



Registration of Death Form

To obtain: download online from Vital Statistics Agency. Write your name in where form says Funeral Director. Tell the Doctor of your plan to remove the deceased. You may fill this form out ahead of time.

Fax Med.Cert.of Death & this form to Vital Statistics to receive burial or cremation permit.

Burial/ Cremation Disposition Permit

Issued by Vital Statistics

Generally returned to you same day. Keep the Permit with the body during transport to the cemetery or crematorium.)

Private Transport Permit (Provincial)

Obtain by faxing Burial or Cremation permit to Consumer Protection BC after completing/ including their [online Permit Application](#)

or

CORONER SHIPPING PERMIT (Out of Province)

Obtain by faxing Coroner the Medical Certificate of Death & the Registration of Death Form to obtain Shipping Permit.

CREMATION

Cremation Application & Crematory Requirements:

Call first, then go to crematory ahead of delivery time. Fill out cremation application to satisfy their requirements.

Deliver the body (48 hrs after death) (with your Cremation Permit & Transport Permit). Ensure your container/casket meets crematorium standards.

BURIAL

Cemetery Requirements:

Bring your Burial Permit with you to the cemetery. Cemetery operators need advance notice to open grave. There will be fees & a contract to sign. Ensure if you are providing your own casket that it meets with cemetery by-laws). Bring pallbearers

Death Certificate

Once the death has been registered, you can call or go online to Vital Statistics or go into a Service BC office to order Death Certificates. You will need them to close the estate, apply for death benefits, close out insurance, etc.

Resource: victoriahospice.org/planning-ahead

