

Fresno Funeral Chapel

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND DISCLOSURES

1. What is the process? We need to complete the Death Certificate before any disposition can take place. There are two parts of the Death Certificate, the Personal Information which we get from the family and the Medical Information we get from the Doctor or Coroner. In addition there are several forms which need to be completed to comply with California law. We can complete the personal information and the required forms at an arrangement conference or by fax or email.
2. How long does it take? The arrangement conference takes around 45 minutes to 1 hour. It is the Medical Information which can take some time. We request the medical information from the physician. Some doctors respond quickly and some draw it out way too long! When we receive the medical information, we get it approved by the Health Department. Upon approval, we have the State of California send the Physician Attestation for the doctor to electronically sign the DC. Once signed we file the DC in the county of death. Coroner/Medical Examiners may put a hold on the decedent until they get test results or we are able to get medical information from a personal physician. Only after the DC is signed, filed with the State of California, all of the required forms completed, payment is received and we are issued the disposition permit are we able to proceed with cremation or any other disposition. We cannot guarantee the timeliness of the process. We are at the mercy of too many others.
3. Certified Copies of the Death Certificate Copies of the DC in California are \$21.00 each. We can order however many you need when we file the death certificate. If additional copies are necessary at a later date, you will have to order by mail or in person at the Health Department/Local Registrar in the county of death. We do not make copies of the DC. *Note- The Coroner may sign the DC, "Pending". A certified copy with a "Pending" cause is probably useless.
4. Large Individuals Unless specifically noted, all Funeral and Cremation Services and Merchandise offered by Fresno Funeral Chapel assumes a decedent of an AVERAGE size and weight. Please bring to our attention when making arrangements for any individual who may exceed the following guidelines:
 - A. Weight over 250 lbs.
 - B. Width at widest point over 22"
 - C. Height over 6'3'Fresno Funeral Chapel does not discriminate against persons of any size. Because of this, we add no additional charges for our service for those who may not fit the "Usual and Standard" sizes and shapes. However there may be additional costs for merchandise or cash advance items that become necessary.