

Disinterment

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply for a disinterment permit?

The next of kin to the deceased can apply. In some cases, a funeral home may apply on behalf of the next of kin. In those cases, supporting documentation identifying next of kin should accompany the application.

Do I need a permit for cremated remains?

No, a permit is not required for cremated remains. However, if the remains are going to be placed inside an existing interred casket (requiring opening of that casket), a permit *is* required as well as an order (see question below).

What if I need to open the casket or would like to place something in the casket?

In addition to obtaining a disinterment permit from the Ministry of Health, either the Chief Coroner or someone with an order from the Attorney General is required to open a disinterred casket (as stipulated in Section 31 of *The Disease Control Regulations*).

Contacts for the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General can be found here:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/government-structure/ministries/justice>.

Do I need a permit to move the body from one location to another in the same cemetery or mausoleum?

No, a permit is not required when moving a casket within the same cemetery so long as the casket remains closed.

Information on the Saskatchewan Coroners Service can be found here:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/directory?ou=f085d6de-c16f-440f-9a1e-a246e8aa7cfb>

Do I need additional permission for transportation of the body of a deceased person? What about transportation out of province or country?

Yes. In addition to the Disinterment Permit, certification from a Medical Health Officer may be needed to transport the body of deceased person, particularly if moving out of province or out of country. See **Handling and Transportation of the Deceased**.