

Kansas Administrative Regulations

State Board of Mortuary Arts

Article 3.—Preparation and Transportation of Bodies, Burial in Mausoleums and Funeral Establishments

63-3-11. Preparation and transportation of dead human bodies.

A dead human body shall not be transported by private conveyance or common carrier until the following conditions are met. (a) Any unembalmed body released by the family or proper authority, other than a body dead with an infectious or contagious disease, may be transported by private conveyance within the state of Kansas if:

(1) A certificate of death has been filed according to laws and regulations set forth by the Kansas state department of health and environment; and

(2) after the body has been released to a funeral director, any transportation is supervised personally by the funeral director.

(b) In addition to meeting the requirements of subsection (a), each body dead with an infectious or contagious disease shall be handled pursuant to K.A.R. 63-3-10 prior to being transported by private conveyance or common carrier.

(c) A body dead from any cause may be transported by common carrier if:

(1) The body has been prepared and properly disinfected by arterial and cavity injection with an approved disinfecting fluid having a minimum phenol coefficient equal to that of a five percent formaldehyde solution. The amount of the fluid injected shall not be less than $\frac{1}{10}$ of the body weight;

(2) all body orifices have been disinfected and plugged with dry cotton;

(3) the body has been washed with five percent formaldehyde or other disinfectant of equivalent coefficient; and

(4) the body is encased in a shipping case which is acceptable under the rules of the common carrier.

(d) A body dead from any cause may be interred or cremated without embalming if interment or cremation is within 24 hours of death. A reasonable period of time beyond 24 hours may be permitted if:

(1) religious beliefs, laws or customs do not permit transportation or interments on Sabbath or holy days; and

(2) no health hazard or nuisance will result from such a delay. Each body dead with an infectious or contagious disease shall be handled pursuant to K.A.R. 63-3-10.

(e) A body dead from any cause other than infectious or contagious disease may be interred or cremated without embalming if embalming would violate personal or religious beliefs and a health hazard or nuisance will not result. An unembalmed body may be retained in storage at a constant temperature of less than 40 degrees Fahrenheit. When that body is removed from storage and transported, the body shall reach its final destination within 24 hours following the removal from storage. If the body is placed in a metal or metal-lined, hermetically sealed container immediately after death, the body may be considered an embalmed body, for the purpose of transportation.

(f) If a casket has not been used in the preparation and transportation of a body that is to be cremated, the body shall be placed in a suitable combustible container which shall be permanently closed before being released to a receiving crematory.

(g) This regulation shall not apply to bodies donated to the university of Kansas school of medicine.

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