

# 12 Things To Do After Someone Dies

## THE AFTER-DEATH GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

### 1. Make First Calls

If death was **unexpected**, call **911 immediately**. If death was **expected**, call your loved one's **doctor or palliative care nurse**. If emergency services / doctor are **unavailable**, call your **local coroner's office**.



### 3. Call Funeral Home

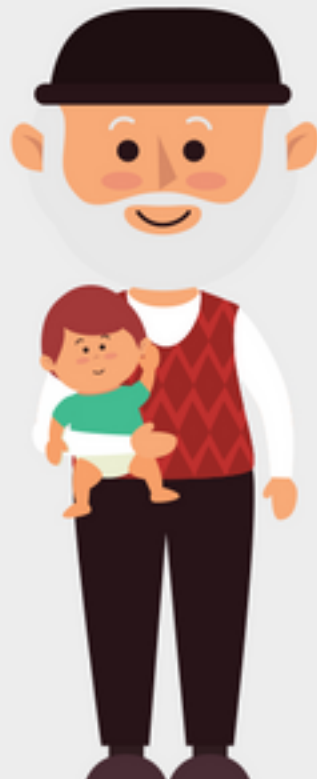
Once the doctor is done their work, you can call the funeral home your loved one chose.

If they didn't choose one, **research funeral home options** & set up meetings with ones that you feel can help you plan the service that your loved one wanted.



### 5. Notify Necessary Parties & Arrange Care

You should also contact **close family & friends** and notify your loved one's **employer**. Arrange for the care of any **pets or dependents**.



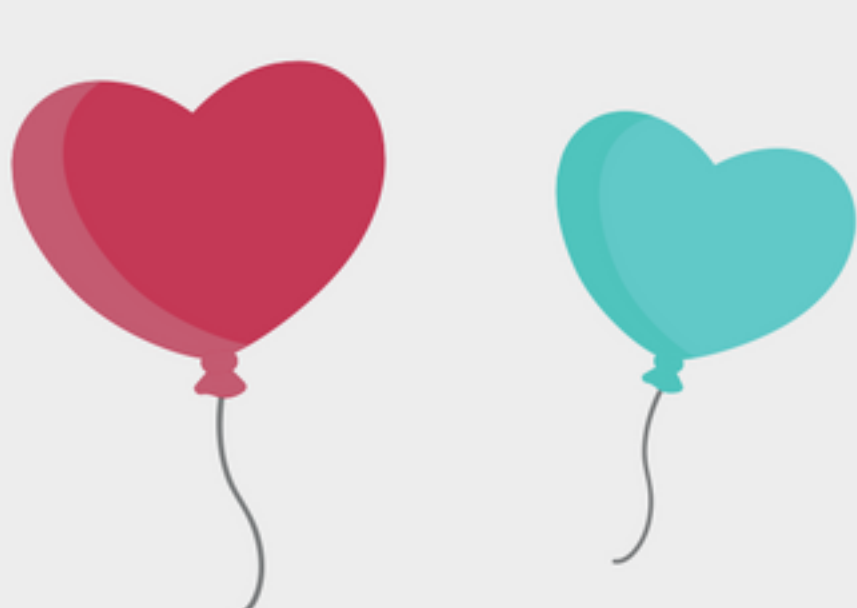
### 7. Arrange the Service

Keeping any wishes your loved one left in mind, **work with your funeral director** to make necessary arrangements for the funeral or memorial service & burial.



### 9. Share Service Details

Share memorial details on **social media, via email, or by phone**. Memorial websites also make it easy to share all the details about the upcoming service.



### 11. Register Death & Obtain Death Certificate

Your **funeral director will facilitate** this process. Ask them about the **necessary documents** they will require from you to register the death. Make sure you **obtain copies of the death certificate** as you'll need it to settle an estate, close accounts, access insurance benefits & cancel government services.



### 2. Locate Their End-of-Life Wishes

If your loved one left end-of-life directives, **locate them** to have with you when the doctor and funeral home staff arrives.



### 4. Arrange Transportation

Coordinate with the funeral home to arrange a time for them to **pick up the body**.



### 6. Reflect On Your Loved One's Life

Start thinking about **how you want to honour your loved one** at their service. How would they want to be remembered? What **personal touches** do you want to include in the service?



### 8. Write & Distribute Obituary

Draft the obituary & send it to appropriate **newspapers and online publishers** for publication.



### 10. Attend the Service & Honour Your Loved One

**Celebrate your loved one's life** with those who loved them at their service.



### 12. Celebrate Their Life, Now & Forever

Always remember that your loved one lives on through you! Continue to find ways to **celebrate your loved one's life, now & forever**.

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