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▶ Why do we  
Embalm?

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# The Art & Science of Embalming

Funeral Service Embalming is a chemical process to:

1. Reduce the presence of microorganisms
2. Retard organic decomposition
3. Restore an acceptable physical appearance

Funeral Service embalming provides a **temporary preservation** of the body to allow the passage of Funeral rites and rituals.

## Legal Requirements:

Under the New South Wales Health Regulations, all bodies buried in aboveground burial vaults, crypts and tombs must be embalmed.

Bodies transported interstate or overseas must also be embalmed to comply with aviation regulations.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Who can Embalm?

Under New South Wales Health regulations, only a person who holds a qualification as a trained embalmer may embalm the body. New South Wales is the only state of Australia to legislate this requirement.

### How is the body Embalmed?

Specially designed preservative fluids are injected into the body via the Arterial system. During this process the body is fully washed and disinfected topically. On completion, the body is dressed and if required, cosmetics are applied.

### How long does it take?

Each case is different, on average it takes between 4-6 hours to complete the entire process. If there is any physical damage to the body due to trauma then it can take much longer.

### How long will Embalming preserve the body?

No guarantees can be given whatsoever. Variations in temperature inside the vault, crypt or tomb, the cause of death, the condition of the body prior to embalming can all have an impact on the state of the body after time.

Funeral Service embalming is not design to preserve the body for centuries. On average, 12-14 litres of embalming fluid is used to preserve the body for Funeral Service embalming. Long-term preservation requires 3 to 4 times this amount which causes the body to expand greatly and would render the person unrecognizable to the family.

### Long-term preservation is reserved for museum specimens.

Add to this is the fact that the body is not kept in a temperature controlled environment, nor can it be constantly checked by the embalmer to correct any problems.

### Who can I trust?

All our staff are highly skilled, dedicated professionals and most importantly, **Qualified Embalmers.**

### **We subscribe to the following code of conduct:**

1. To maintain in all matters the highest standards of business, professional and personal conduct.
2. To respect in all circumstances the confidentiality and trust of clients.
3. To ensure that staff is qualified and competent.
4. To ensure that facilities are adequate for all services rendered.
5. To provide information concerning the range of services available, the prices of the services and the functions and responsibilities accepted.
6. To give a written estimate of all funeral charges and disbursements to be made on a client's behalf at the time of taking instructions, or as soon as practicable.
7. To respect personal choice and have regard for diversity of beliefs in religious and cultural practices.
8. To ensure that all advertising is genuinely informative and in good taste.
9. To be thoroughly conversant with the laws of the land as they apply to funeral service and allied industries and professions.
10. To make available conciliation and arbitration services to help resolve disputes which may arise between our company and our clients.

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