

# THE PROCESS: AFTER PASSING

"After I pass, what are the next steps for my family?"



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## CONTACTING UBC

As soon as possible after death has occurred, the executor, next of kin or health care professional must contact the UBC Body Donation Program at **604-822-2578**.

Prolonged delay in notification can result in the decline of the donation. Please note that as a condition of acceptance to the program, we must receive the body within **72 hours of death**.

If death occurs outside regular business hours (8am-4pm, Mon-Fri), please leave us a detailed message, then contact **Alternatives Funeral and Cremation Services at 604-857-5779**.

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## DETERMINING IF A BODY IS APPROPRIATE FOR DONATION

After being notified of a death, our team undertakes the important step of determining the donor's suitability by speaking with the donor's physician. The decision of whether to accept the donation is made as soon as possible and the family or executor are notified.

Once a donor arrives at our facility, our team immediately begins preparing the body for future use - whether for anatomical study, surgical training, or medical research.

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## TRANSPORTATION & ARRANGEMENTS

Once accepted, we will make all of the necessary arrangements and cover all costs for transport to UBC by our approved and licensed transport provider.

If the body is not accepted into the donation program, it will be the responsibility of the executor or next of kin to proceed with your alternate arrangements.

## IF DEATH OCCURS OUTSIDE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

A medical school in the region where death occurs may be contacted to make arrangements for donation to another program. If you move away from British Columbia, we recommend that you make arrangements with a donor program in your place of residence.

# FAQ

## FUNERAL SERVICES

If a funeral service is desired it is strongly recommended that it take place in the form of a memorial service without the presence of the body. It is suggested that arrangements be made for this type of service prior to death.

## HOW DO I GET A DEATH CERTIFICATE?

Death Certificates will be issued for all accepted donors by our contracted funeral home, Alternatives Funeral and Cremation Services.

## Have more questions?



### Website

[cps.med.ubc.ca/medical-education/bodyprogram/](https://cps.med.ubc.ca/medical-education/bodyprogram/)



### Phone Number

Contact Tel: 604-822-2578  
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### E-mail Address

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### Complete FAQ

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