



Lane County Death Investigations

A Division of the Lane County District Attorney's Office
125 East 8th Avenue, Room 400, Eugene OR, 97401 (541) 682-4363

General Information

The Lane County Death Investigations Division extends our deepest sympathy for the death of your loved one. It's our desire to assist you in the best possible way during this very difficult time. Our hope is that some of this information will assist you during your time of loss. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact our office at (541) 682-4363 and ask for a Death Investigator.

Q. Why is the Death Investigations Division involved?

A. Per ORS 146.090, our office investigates determining the cause and manner of death in apparent homicides, suicides, and accidents as well as deaths involving injuries, suspicious or unknown circumstances, unlawful use of a controlled substance, or while lacking a current primary care provider.

Q. Where will my loved one's body go?

If your loved one is not released directly from the scene of death to a funeral home, they will be transported to the Sacred Heart Riverbend Morgue for an examination.

Q. What should I do now?

A. Promptly select a funeral home for your loved one. Our office will coordinate with the chosen establishment. Funeral directors can then assist you in making all arrangements, including obtaining the death certificate. Our office **cannot** recommend a funeral home.

Q. Will an autopsy be performed?

A. It depends on the circumstances. Our Medical Examiner determines if an autopsy or external exam is necessary.

Q. Will an autopsy prevent a funeral service or from viewing the body afterwards?

A. Not at all. The examination on your loved one is carefully performed with sensitivity and respect and will not prevent a funeral service or viewing.

Q. Will I be responsible for any costs related to the investigation?

A. No. County taxes fund our office and the investigations, so you and your family do not have to worry about financial burden.

Q. Will I be made aware of the results of an external examination or autopsy?

A. Yes, our office should be in contact with you regarding the results as soon as possible.

Q. How may I request copies of the reports?

A. All reports must be requested through the Oregon State Medical Examiner's Office at (971) 673-8200, and available for release upon completion of the investigation. You may find a copy of the records request and more information at: oregon.gov/osp/programs/pages/med.aspx



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Local Funeral Homes

Eugene Area

Alpha Cremation Services
541-682-3064

West Lawn Funeral Home
541-342-8281

Lane Memorial Gardens
541-343-1684

Musgrove Family Mortuary
541-686-2818

Sunset Hills Funeral Home
541-342-6853

Springfield Area

Major Family Funeral Home
541-746-9667

Springfield Memorial Gardens
541-746-5311

Andreason's Cremation & Burial
541-485-6659

Buell Funeral Chapel
541-747-1266

Surrounding Areas

Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel
Cottage Grove, Oregon
541-942-0185

Murphy-Musgrove Funeral Home
Junction City, Oregon
541-988-2152

**Major Family – Chapel of the Woods
Funeral Home**
Oakridge, Oregon
541-782-4328

Burns' Riverside Chapel
Florence, Oregon
541-997-3416



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Biohazard Cleaning Services Nearby

Valor Technical Cleaning

855-476-4911

<https://www.valortechnicalcleaning.com>

Bio-One Eugene

541-799-5113

<https://www.biooneeugene.com/>

ServiceMaster Restore

541-249-7842

<https://www.servicemasterrestore.com/residential/specialty-services/trauma-biohazard>

PuroClean of Eugene

541-780-2700

<https://www.puroclean.com>

Aftermath

855-556-1992

<https://www.aftermath.com/>