

A simple funeral guide for Muslims



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Arranging an Islamic funeral comes with many anxieties and pressures. To help you navigate this difficult period, we've summarised the main steps of arranging your loved one's funeral into a check list to make it more manageable and easier for you.

Our team of caring experts are at hand to support you with more detailed information at any time.



Simple steps summary

The main steps you will need to think about are:

1. Getting the **medical certificate** from the doctor
2. **Registering the death** at the local council office
3. Booking the **Funeral Director service** who will guide you through:
 - a. **Transporting** your loved one to the place of washing
 - b. **Washing** (Ghusl)
 - c. **Shrouding** (Kafan)
 - d. **Transport** to the prayer venue and then to the cemetery
 - e. **Arranging** the funeral prayer
4. Booking the burial **plot** and **burial service**
5. Using the above details to advise friends and family of the **funeral arrangements**



Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilayhi Raji'un

(Indeed, we belong to Allah, and indeed to Him we shall return)



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Obtaining the medical certificate

A doctor involved in your loved one's care will complete a medical certificate of cause of death (MCCD) before the death can be registered and the next steps can take place.

Some circumstances will involve a coroner before the MCCD can be granted. This would include unexpected death at home, in which either the GP or the Police should be called, who will refer the matter to the coroner.

Our team are at hand to support you and signpost you to the right support if the case has been referred to the coroner.

MCCD secured

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Register the death

You'll need to register the death with the Registrar of deaths within the locality of where the death occurred before your loved one can be discharged from the hospital. Visit our website to see a list of all local registration offices and contact information: www.eternalgardens.org.uk/arranging-a-funeral/

Check their website for information regarding the documentation that you will need to take.

Many are able to offer urgent appointments for religious reasons, so ensure you check for those options.

Note the documents that you MUST take to the appointment and check this list before leaving:

Document 1:

Document 2:

Document 3:

Document 4:

Certificate for burial (*green document*) secured

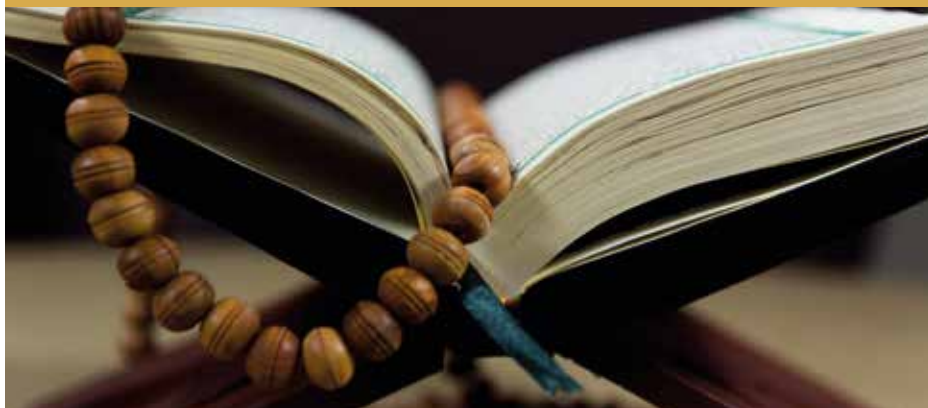


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The funeral service

At your earliest opportunity, arrange for an Islamic funeral service provider to guide you through the remaining steps if your loved one didn't have a funeral plan in place.

Our knowledgeable team work closely with most Muslim Funeral Directors across London and are able to help you identify your local options. Call us on **0800 211 8569** or visit our Funeral Director database: **www.eternalgardens.org.uk/funeral-directors**



The Funeral Director will aid you in the following:

- Service expectations
- Washing (Ghusl) and shrouding (Kafan) of your loved one
- Burial location and grave options (for assistance with burial costs, please visit muslimburialfund.co.uk)
- Where the funeral prayer (Janazah Salah) will take place and who will lead the prayer
- Transport



We promise to provide a personalised service for you and your family in a unique, dīn-oriented (faith) and caring environment, always.



Funeral Director name + No:

Burial service + No:

Hospital collection time:

Time of Ghust:

Participant 1:

Participant 2:

Participant 3:

Venue for the funeral prayer:

Viewing location and time:

Burial location and time:

Participant 1:

Participant 2:

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Arrange the burial

Once you have discussed the burial options with the Funeral Director, you will need to book a burial plot and burial service slot. The Funeral Director may be able to offer some options as part of their services, however it is always best for the family to be aware and consider all options available to them locally.

Some important considerations would be:

- Shariah compliancy and your loved one's religious wishes
- Graves facing Qiblah
- Affordability and value against other options
- Options and features (maintenance standards, options for securing plots for other family members, access and ease)



Visit our website for more information about our Park and burial plots or alternatively, give us a call on 0800 211 8569.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *The 'Certificate for Burial' will have to be provided to the cemetery before a burial can legally take place. Ensure this is emailed to info@eternalgardens.org.uk or taken by yourself or the Funeral Director when arranging the burial.*

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Letting everyone know

Once finalised, you can use the above information to let extended family members, friends and the community know of the arrangements.

We're here to help

At this point you will now work through all the steps discussed in this leaflet. It's never an easy process but we are here to help. If at any time you need advice and a friendly ear to talk through your options, we're here for you.

Our team are well versed with the options and keen to help. Our team speak a variety of languages and may be able to arrange for someone to speak to you in a language you are most comfortable with.

Reach out to us at any time on our 24/7 support line: **0800 211 8569**.

Further resources

Our website contains a wealth of resources which will be useful for anyone arranging a funeral. Visit our website for further information: **www.eternalgardens.org.uk**

Eternal Gardens

Eternal Gardens has been supporting the Muslim community within its end-of-life needs since it was established in 2013 and has become a notable voice within the community for better end-of-life standards and dignified practices that our loved ones deserve when transitioning to the Ākhirah.

The simple series

Through years of experience on the ground, the team at Eternal Gardens noted a lack of simple, reliable and easy to follow guidance to support distressed members of our Ummah in finding clarity and structure when organising the funeral of a loved one.

The simple steps series was launched to fill that void and provide our community with simple manuals to call on which would help them work through the various stages of end-of-life, ensuring they can fulfil the Islamic and legal rights of loved ones in the best manner.

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