

# BURIAL - TRANSIT PERMIT

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PERMIT NUMBER		<b>BVS USE ONLY</b>		
		DEATH CERTIFICATE NUMBER		
FULL NAME OF DECEASED (First, Middle, Last)			MAIDEN NAME	SEX
RACE	AGE	DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year)	PLACE OF DEATH	
NAME OF FUNERAL HOME OR PERSON REQUESTING PERMIT			MAILING ADDRESS	
TRANSPORTATION OF BODY (If applicable): FROM _____ TO: _____ <small>(City, Town or Location)</small> <small>(City, Town or Location and State or Foreign Country)</small>				
DISPOSITION OF BODY BY: <input type="checkbox"/> BURIAL <input type="checkbox"/> CREMATION <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____				
AT _____ <small>(Name of Cemetery, Crematory, or physical address)</small>		LOCATED AT _____ <small>(City, Town or Location and State)</small>		
I do hereby certify that arrangements have been or will be made to complete a death certificate for the above decedent as required by the laws of Alaska.				
_____ Signature of Requestor		_____ Date	_____ Requestor's Daytime Telephone number	
Permission is hereby given to dispose of the body of the deceased as indicated above.				
_____ Signature of State Registrar or other person authorized to issue permit			_____ Title	_____ Date
AUTHORIZED DISPOSITION AS STATED ABOVE OCCURRED ON: (Date)			SIGNATURE OF SEXTON OR PERSON IN CHARGE OF DISPOSITION	

## INSTRUCTIONS

**PREPARER:** The Bureau of Vital Statistics (Bureau) assumes the responsibility to confirm that a death certificate has been filed as required by statute and/or to contact the requestor shown on the front of this document in the absence of a death certificate.

**CONTACT MEDICAL EXAMINER:** Alaska law requires the state medical examiner to investigate the circumstances and determine the cause and manner of death when: 1) a person of apparent good health dies suddenly, 2) the person was not under a physicians care, 3) the death is suspicious, unusual or unexplained, 4) the death is a result of violence, or 5) the death is unlawful or due to criminal neglect. In any of the above circumstances a burial-transit permit may not be issued, nor may the body be moved or molested without permission from the state medical examiner. The medical examiner's office may be contacted at (907) 334-2200.

**PERMIT NUMBER:** This field is not mandatory.

**FUNERAL DIRECTOR:** The burial-transit permit is required for any manner of disposition of a dead body or fetus including interment, storage, cremation and transportation. (For movement out of the state, for any shipment by common carrier, or for final disposition in any public or other organized burial ground, vault or crematory, a burial-transit permit shall be a prerequisite in cases of a fetus, irrespective of the length of gestation.)

**TRANSPORTATION OF BODY:** When used as a transit permit for transportation by common carrier, this permit should be enclosed in a strong envelope attached to the shipping case. A burial-transit permit is not required in order to transport a body to the state medical examiner or the state medical examiner's designee.

**DEATH CERTIFICATE:** Do not send the death or fetal death certificate with the body or fetus. It should be mailed to the address shown on the front of this permit or delivered to a Bureau office located in Juneau, Anchorage, or Fairbanks.

**SEXTON:** It is unlawful for any sexton or other person in charge of a burial place to permit final disposition of a dead body or fetus unless accompanied by a burial-transit permit. (A permit issued in another state or Canada is acceptable in Alaska.)

**ROUTING OF PERMIT:** A copy of this permit must accompany the body until its final disposition. It must be endorsed and retained permanently in the files of the sexton or other person in charge of the burial place. Where there is no such authority, it must be endorsed by the person in charge of the burial and forwarded to the Bureau.

The **yellow** copy of the permit must be forwarded to the Bureau at the address shown on the front.

The **pink** copy must be retained in the files of the office where the permit was issued.