

Checklist: What to do in case of death

1. Contact a doctor
Death must be confirmed by a doctor, and then the doctor will fill out the death certificate, so called „Leichenschauschein“ (not to be confused with the official death certificate made by the registry office). Get in touch with the attending physician (if known) or the medical on-call service at 116117 (German only) or 112 (911)
2. Contact Reinecke Bestattungen - **Phone (+49) 030 470 666 66 - available 24/7**
Together, we will find a date for the consultation appointment, and then we will promptly arrange for the transfer of the deceased to our climate-controlled facilities. The consultation appointment typically takes place within the first 5 days after the occurrence of death..
3. The consultation with the undertaker
We are happy to come to your location for the consultation appointment to provide empathetic and professional advice in your familiar environment. If you prefer, we also have our consultation room available in Berlin Friedenau. Together with you, we will discuss all the details regarding the funeral, the necessary formalities, as well as the composition and procedure of the upcoming farewell ceremony. Please allow at least one hour for this comprehensive discussion.

Between the day of death and the burial, there is typically a period of approximately 5 to 10 days for a burial (earth interment) and about 2 to 4 weeks for a cremation. These timeframes depend on third-party collaborators such as registry offices, cemetery administrations, and crematoriums, and may vary.
4. The day of the funeral
The farewell ceremony takes place in the chapel or a designated "ceremony hall" at the cemetery, at the agreed-upon time. The decoration and any possible musical accompaniment have been previously discussed and coordinated with you during the consultation appointment. Typically, the farewell ceremony lasts between 20 and 30 minutes.
5. The funeral procession to the gravesite and the burial
Following the ceremony, a funeral procession proceeds to the gravesite. Upon arrival, the deceased is laid to rest. Subsequently, if desired, a gathering known as a "funeral meal" can be held at a restaurant or café of your choice.

Optional:

Of course, we also offer repatriation to the home country. Whether it's the transportation of the deceased in a casket on an airplane to another continent, by hearse to one of our neighboring countries, or as an urn worldwide, we are your expert with over 10 years of experience. Contact us for a detailed consultation.