

Senate Bill 850 and Domicile Unknown Reporting: Funeral Homes

The passing of [Senate Bill 850](#) established mandatory reporting of housing status on reports of death.

Since January 1, 2022, reports of death were required to list the residence address as “**Domicile Unknown**” for decedents who were homeless at the time of death. Enter “**Domicile Unknown**” in the Street Name field on the Resident Address page in OVERS. This includes decedents who were homeless but receiving care at a hospital or other institution.

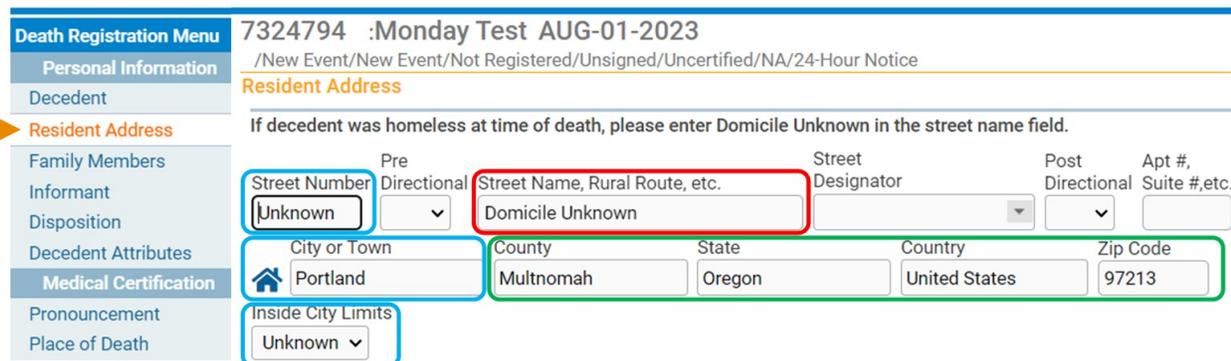
While there are several terms used to describe a homeless individual including houseless, unhoused and people without housing, the phrase used in Senate Bill 850 is “a decedent who was homeless.”

A homeless individual is defined as:

- An individual who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence;
- An individual with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground;
- An individual living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including hotels and motels paid for by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals or by charitable organizations, congregate shelters, and transitional housing);
- An individual who resided in a shelter or place not meant for human habitation and who is exiting an institution where he or she temporarily resided;

Click [here](#) for the U.S. Code for the complete general definition of a homeless individual that includes additional examples.

On the **Resident Address** page in OVERS, the funeral service practitioner is responsible for listing “**Domicile Unknown**” in the **Street Name, Rural Route, etc.** field for individuals who were homeless at the time of the death.



Death Registration Menu	7324794 :Monday Test AUG-01-2023					
Personal Information	/New Event/New Event/Not Registered/Unsigned/Uncertified/NA/24-Hour Notice					
Decedent	Resident Address					
Resident Address	If decedent was homeless at time of death, please enter Domicile Unknown in the street name field.					
Family Members	Street Number	Pre Directional	Street Name, Rural Route, etc.	Street Designator	Post Directional	Apt #, Suite #, etc.
Informant	Unknown		Domicile Unknown			
Disposition	City or Town	County	State	Country	Zip Code	
Decedent Attributes	Portland	Multnomah	Oregon	United States	97213	
Medical Certification	Inside City Limits					
Pronouncement	Unknown					
Place of Death	Unknown					

- ➔ If decedent was homeless at time of death, please enter “Domicile Unknown” in the street name field.
- ➔ “Unknown” can be entered into these fields. However, **if the user or informant knows the city where the decedent generally spent most of their time, please enter it.**
- ➔ **Do not leave these fields blank** or enter “Unknown.” If the Zip Code is unknown, enter “99999.”

Other fields on the Resident Address page should be filled out to the best of the user or informant’s knowledge. “Unknown” can be entered in the Street Number, City or Town, and **Inside City Limits fields**. “Unknown” **cannot** be entered in the **County, State, Country** or **Zip Code** fields. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE THESE FIELDS BLANK.** If the Zip Code is truly unknown, enter 99999. **Do NOT** enter “Unknown,” “Homeless,” “Houseless” or “None” in the “Street Name, Rural Route, etc.” field for homeless decedents.

Do Not enter approximate locations of where a person was camping like “the corner of Halsey and 72nd streets.” Only enter “**Domicile Unknown.**”

For questions about registering death records for decedents who were homeless at the time of death, email CHS.Registration@oha.oregon.gov.