

**Notification of Found Cremated Remains**

**Oregon Mortuary & Cemetery Board**

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CEMETERY	Phone Number	Date of Notification
Name of person(s) discovering the remains		Description of cremated remains / Container
Date cremated remains found	Location cremated remains were found (block, lot, plot, other location)	

Describe the circumstances under which cremated remains were found: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cremated Remains Identified:** Name of decedent: \_\_\_\_\_

- Placed in cemetery with permission of the cemetery authority
- Placed in cemetery without permission of the cemetery authority
  - Returned to \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of person under ORS 97.130(2) Relationship
  - Unable to deliver. Describe the steps taken to attempt to deliver the cremated remains:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cremated Remains Not Identified:**  
Describe the steps taken to attempt to identify the cremated remains: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the ultimate disposition of found cremated remains that were not identified by the cemetery authority: \_\_\_\_\_

**OAR 830-030-0000(9)** If processed cremated remains are discovered in a presumed unoccupied grave, crypt or niche when opening the grave, crypt or niche the following is the responsibility of the cemetery authority:  
(a) The cemetery authority must report the discovery to the Board on a form that has been approved by the Board.  
(b) If the cremated remains are identified, the cemetery authority must use reasonable diligence under the circumstances to determine if such cremated remains were placed with the permission of the cemetery authority. If no such permission was given, the cemetery authority must attempt to deliver the cremated remains to a person within the first applicable listed class in ORS 97.130(2).  
(c) If the cremated remains cannot be identified or if the cemetery authority is unable to deliver the cremated remains to a person within a listed class under ORS 97.130(2), the cemetery authority must hold the cremated remains indefinitely and at a minimum, place the cremated remains in a common grave, crypt or niche, and record the specific location of the remains therein.  
(d) The cemetery authority must retain a permanent record of the known circumstances of the cremated remains including at a minimum: The original location where the cremated remains were discovered, the steps taken to identify and deliver the cremated remains, and the ultimate re-disposition of the cremated remains.