

Notification of Found Human Remains *(other than cremated remains¹)*

Oregon Mortuary & Cemetery Board

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CEMETERY	Phone Number	Date of Notification
Name of person(s) discovering the remains	Description of found remains / partial remains / funerary objects	
Date remains Found	Location remains were found (block, lot, plot, or other location)	

Describe the circumstances under which remains were found in a presumed unoccupied grave: _____

Remains Positively Identified: Name of decedent: _____
How were they identified: _____
What was the outcome? _____

Remains Not Identified: _____
Date records updated to show space is not available for interments _____
Licensee or Representative updating the records _____

Disinterment Authorized by: _____ (Pursuant to ORS 97.220 or 146.105)

OAR 830-030-0000(8) If human remains or partial human remains, other than processed cremated remains, are discovered in a presumed unoccupied grave or crypt when opening the grave or crypt for purposes of an interment, 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) The cemetery authority must exercise diligence under the circumstances to identify the human remains.
- (c) If positive identification of the remains is made, and if disinterment is not authorized pursuant to ORS 97.220 or ORS 146.045, the human remains must not be further disturbed, the interment space must be immediately closed, and the cemetery authority must update the cemetery records for that grave or crypt to include all relevant information known to the cemetery authority regarding the human remains, as outlined in OAR 830-040-0000 and ORS 97.720.
- (d) If the human remains cannot be identified, and if disinterment is not authorized pursuant to ORS 97.220 or ORS 146.045, the human remains must not be further disturbed, the interment space must be immediately closed, and the cemetery records must reflect that the interment space is occupied by unidentified remains, the date of discovery and indicate that the space is not available for further interments.
- (e) If the human remains are positively identified as remains that were originally interred in a grave adjacent to the opened grave but entered the opened grave during excavation or due to the operation of natural forces underground, the cemetery authority must make a reasonable effort to return all soil, human remains, and funerary objects to the interment space from which the material originated. The cemetery authority, if feasible, may then proceed with opening the unoccupied grave for interment.

¹ For cremated remains use form "Notification of Found Cremated Remains"