

Burial outside a cemetery after early pregnancy loss

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Information for Patients

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Please accept our sympathy at this sad time. If you have any questions please speak to the nursing or medical staff. This sheet has help and advice if you have chosen to arrange the burial of your baby yourself, after early pregnancy loss.

Arranging collection

You will be able to collect your pregnancy remains from the hospital. Please call the Bereavement Service on one of the number below to arrange a suitable time:

- **Leicester Royal Infirmary** (0116) 258 5194 / 258 5196 between 10am and 4pm

You or whichever member of your family is collecting on your behalf, will need to bring a form of photo identification. This can be your passport or driving license which has your full name and date of birth on it.

If you have been advised that your pregnancy remains should be examined by a pathologist it will be 6 to 8 weeks before the examination is complete, and your pregnancy remains are ready to be collected.

Burial outside a cemetery

If you choose a private burial outside a cemetery, the Royal College of Nursing recommends that you follow these guidelines

- Think carefully about where it is best to bury your pregnancy remains. If you are thinking about burial in a garden, think about what would happen if you moved house or the land is used for new purposes in the future.
- If you do not own the land you must ask the landowner for permission. Others using the land should be told of the burial.

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- The exact place of the burial should be recorded with the property deeds in case the person moves.
- Burial must not interfere with any rights that other people may have on the land or cause any dangers to others.
- Burial must be a depth of at least 45 centimetres. It must be away from watercourses.
- The baby should be in a sealed container. This is to stop bodily fluids from leaking into water or onto nearby land

For advice on any aspect of burial outside a cemetery please contact the Bereavement Services Department, Leicester City Council, Gilroes Crematorium, Groby Road, LE3 9QG
Telephone: 0116 373 7327.

If you choose burial outside of Leicestershire you will need to contact the local Bereavement Office of the County Council to check local procedures. If you want a burial overseas you should contact the airline to check they allow carriage of human remains.

Burial or cremation through a Funeral Director

Please tell the ward staff if you intend to use a Funeral Director to arrange a private service. You will need to take a copy of the Examination and Disposal consent form you have completed today. If you forget or decide after you have left the hospital that you would like to have a Funeral Director arrange a service, we can give them the form they will need when they come to collect your pregnancy remains from the mortuary.

Changing your mind

If you want to change your mind about your choice of what happens to the remains, please contact the Leicester Royal Infirmary Bereavement Services for advice. You may need to give written confirmation of the change. You can call them on (0116) 258 5194 or (0116) 258 5196 between 10am and 4pm weekdays (except public holidays).

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