

Cremation Issue Chart

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ISSUE: IDENTIFICATION OF DECEASED			
Law/Regulation	Is ID Required?	Information Required for ID	Any Restrictions/Limitations
CHAPTER 6 CREMATORY OR CHEMICAL DISPOSITION FACILITY Section 8. Identification.		<p>The licensed funeral service practitioner is responsible for the identification of cremated or chemically processed remains. A crematory or chemical disposition facility shall not accept unidentified human remains.</p> <p>(a) The licensed funeral service practitioner shall attach an identifying metal disc to each receptacle containing human remains. When human remains are to be cremated or chemically processed, the disc shall be secured to the top of the head end of the casket or alternate container, or, when no receptacle is used, to the human remains.</p> <p>(b) The identifying metal disc shall accompany the human remains through the cremation or chemical disposition process.</p> <p>(c) The identifying metal disc shall be held on the inside of the cremator or dissolution chamber until the body of the deceased is cremated or chemically processed and the cremated or chemically processed remains are placed in a container as directed by these rules and applicable law. The disc shall then be placed inside the urn or, in the case of a temporary urn, on the outside of the temporary urn.</p> <p>(d) The identifying metal disc shall be properly secured to a receptacle containing cremated or chemically processed remains.</p>	

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ISSUE: ALTERNATIVE CONTAINER FOR CREMATION		
Law/Regulation	Is It Required?	Definition of Alternative Container
CHAPTER 6 CREMATORY OR CHEMICAL DISPOSITION FACILITY Section 5. Cremation Casket/Container.		(a) The crematory facility, at its discretion, has the right to remove noncombustible materials such as handles or rails from caskets or containers prior to cremation and to discard them with similar materials from other cremations and other refuse in a non-recoverable manner. Materials at the facility shall be placed in a storage area not available to the public view.
ISSUE: URN		
Law/Regulation	Any requirements for Urn/ Temporary Container	Definition of Urn/Temporary Container
N/A		
ISSUE: AUTHORIZING AGENT		
Law/Regulation	Legal Order of Authorizing Agent	
Wyoming Statutes 2-17-101. Authority to authorize burial or cremation; immunity for funeral directors and undertakers	<p>(a) If a decedent leaves written instructions regarding his entombment, burial or cremation, or a document that designates and authorizes another person to direct disposition of the decedent's body the funeral director or undertaker to whom the body is entrusted shall proceed with the disposition of the body in accordance with those instructions or the instructions given by the person designated to direct disposition of the decedent's body. A document that designates another person to direct disposition of the decedent's body drafted pursuant to service in the military and in a form mandated by federal law at the time it was signed shall be recognized as valid for purposes of this section. In the event a decedent does not leave written instructions regarding his entombment, burial or cremation, or fails to leave a document designating another person to direct disposition of the decedent's body, the funeral director or undertaker to whom the body is entrusted shall obtain a signed consent before the entombment, burial or cremation proceeds.</p> <p>(b) Any of the following persons, in order of priority as stated, may consent to the entombment, burial or cremation of the decedent, provided no written instructions or a document designating another person to direct disposition of the decedent's body were left by the decedent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The decedent's spouse at the time of death; (ii) An adult child of the decedent; (iii) Either parent of the decedent; (iv) An adult sibling of the decedent; (v) A grandparent of the decedent; (vi) A stepchild of the decedent; (vii) A guardian of the decedent in accordance with W.S. 3-2-201(a)(x). 	

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ISSUE: FINAL DISPOSITION	
Law/Regulation	Any Guidelines or Requirements of Disposition of Cremated Remains Including Mailing Requirements
Ch. 1, Section 7. Cremation or Chemical Disposal of Human Remains.	<p>(a) No crematorium or chemical disposition facility shall accept human remains for cremation or chemical disposition until it has received a burial-transit permit required by law and an authorization for cremation or chemical disposition signed by the nearest legal next of kin.</p> <p>(b) Upon completing the cremation or chemical disposition process, all residual of the cremation or chemical disposition process shall be removed from the cremation or dissolution chamber and the chamber swept clean. The residual remains shall be placed in a container or tray in such a way that will ensure against commingling with other cremated or chemically processed remains. The identifier shall be attached to the container or tray to await final processing. All residual of the cremation or chemical disposition process shall undergo final processing.</p> <p>(c) Should the cremated or chemically processed remains not adequately fill the container's interior dimensions, the extra space may be filled with packing material that will not become intermingled with the cremated or chemically processed remains and then securely closed.</p> <p>(d) The outside of the container used to return the cremated or chemically processed remains shall be clearly identified with the name of the deceased person whose cremated or chemically processed remains are contained therein.</p> <p>(e) If the cremated or chemically processed remains are to be shipped, the temporary container or designated receptacle ordered by the authorizing agent must be packed securely in a suitable, sturdy, pressure resistant, and properly sealed container.</p> <p>(f) Cremated or chemically processed remains may be shipped only by a method that has an internal tracing system available and that provides a receipt signed by the person accepting the delivery.</p>