

DEALING WITH A DEATH IN FRANCE

Procedural Guide in English



WITHIN 24 HOURS* (excluding Sundays and Bank Holidays)



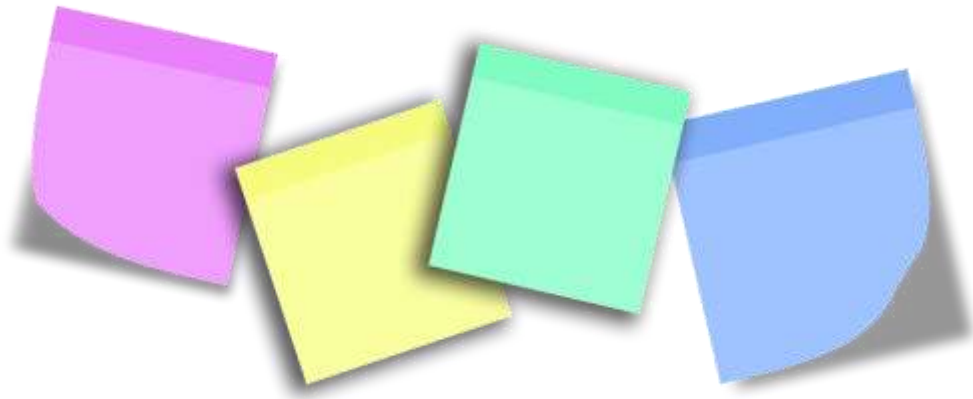
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- Obtain a medical death certificate from the hospital, the residential care home or a GP if deceased passed away at home (if out of hours, contact 15)
- If the deceased has a contract with a Funeral Director, then they will complete all the following processes. Even if there is no contract, the funeral company must take care of these steps.
- Register the death at the local Mairie where the deceased passed away. (N.B. this might not be their local Mairie)

The following documents will be required at the Mairie:

- Death Certificate
- The deceased person's ID and that of the person reporting the death - Titre de séjour
- Their birth certificate (if you have a translation it will be greatly appreciated).
- Their marriage certificate

WITHIN 48 HOURS



- Check if there is a pre-paid funeral contract in existence.
- Chose your funeral director. (Lists are available in local Mairies, medical establishments and health care facilities).
- N.B. a free, written estimate is mandatory.

WITHIN 6 DAYS - THE FUNERAL PROCESS

(Excluding Sundays and Bank Holiday)



- This has to be conducted in accordance with the wishes of the deceased, i.e. Cremation or Burial.
- If you need to buy a plot in a cemetery, please contact the Mairie.
- N.B. it is possible to obtain up to 5000 euros from the bank which managed the accounts of the deceased. This can be issued upon presentation of the paid invoice. (The funeral director can do this). *

WITHIN 10 DAYS- Notify various agencies



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- Employer - if deceased was in paid employment
- Unemployment Office - if registered unemployed
- French pension authorities if applicable
- Assurance Maladie if in receipt of an invalidity benefit
- CAF - if applicable

THEREAFTER NOTIFY...



- Banks, savings, investments and other financial organisations.
- Tax authorities
- CPAM, Assurance Maladie, other insurances
- State and/or private pension providers
- Passport authorities, Driving licence
- Utility providers
- Solicitor/Notaire

THEREAFTER - SERVICES AVAILABLE



- In France there is a service available entitled “Service formalités après Obsèques” .
- This covers 3 months of assistance and will take care of all the matters mentioned in the previous slides and can include arranging for the ashes to be repatriated - for example back to the UK.
- These costs can be included in a pre-paid funeral plan.