



Countryside Funerals

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Personal Effects Policy (May 2017)

Countryside Funerals recognises the importance of taking clear instructions with regard to personal effects which may accompany the deceased at any stage during the course of funeral arrangements.

In relation to this policy, the term 'Personal Effects' refers to any item of jewellery, clothing or other personal possessions belonging to (or placed with) the deceased, or entrusted to our care by the person making funeral arrangements (the instructor).

- In cases where the deceased is brought into our care with personal effects, these will be listed on our Personal Effects form, and then the instructor will be required to sign this form; either to confirm that items are to remain with the deceased for burial/cremation, or to confirm receipt of the specified items if they are to be removed and returned to the instructor.
- The same form will also be completed if an instructor provides personal effects to be placed with the deceased.
- For the avoidance of doubt, it is important to clarify that if items remain with the deceased, they are not recoverable after burial/cremation.
- We will also ask the instructor to sign written confirmation confirming in cases where there are no personal effects with the deceased.
- It is important that we bring to clients attention that most crematoria and natural burial grounds will have regulations regarding clothing and other items that may or may not be placed into coffins with the deceased. We will advise accordingly where such rules apply.