

What to Do If Someone Dies at Home

If someone dies at home, here's what to do. Keep calm and follow these steps.

1. Call a doctor or emergency services

- If the death was expected (like from an illness): Call their GP or 111. A doctor will confirm the death.
- If the death was sudden or unexpected: Call 999. The police and ambulance will come. A coroner will be called.

2. Tell the next of kin

Let close family or friends know what has happened.

3. Call a funeral director

Once a doctor or coroner says it's okay, contact a funeral director to take the person into their care.

4. Register the death

You must register the death within 5 days. Call your local Register Office. Take the medical certificate.

5. Take care of other things

Let organisations know (like DWP, council, banks). Plan the funeral. You might be able to get help with costs.

If the person dies in a care home, staff will help with these steps.

If you're not sure what to do, call 111 or 999. You're not alone.

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