

THINGS TO CONSIDER

- ◆ The decedent may have a pre-paid funeral arrangement or funeral insurance.
- ◆ Unions and Fraternal organizations sometimes have death benefits.
- ◆ Mortgage & credit card companies or credit unions may have a life insurance plan.
- ◆ Many wills and trusts are recorded with the County Clerk's Office. 360.337.7164
- ◆ Vehicle transfers can be done through the County Auditor's Office. 360.337.4440

PERSONAL EFFECTS

The Coroner's Office does not have control over property taken by other agencies.

Any property secured by the Coroner's Office will be released to the funeral home with the body, and can be obtained from them.

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS TO GATHER:

Deeds, Titles, and Promissory Notes/Loans

Insurance Policies

Military discharge papers (DD214)

Birth Certificate

Safety Deposit Box

Financial Accounts

Social Security Card

Marital License

Will/Executor paperwork

LOCAL AREA FUNERAL HOMES

Cook Family Funeral Home (Bainbridge)	206.842.2642
Haven of Rest (Gig Harbor)	253.851.9991
Kitsap Cremation & Burial (PO)	360.874.1276
Lewis Funeral Home (Brem.)	360.377.3836
Miller-Woodlawn (Brem.)	360.377.7648
Pendleton Gilchrist / Rill Chapel (PO)	360.876.4405
Stone Chapel / Poulsbo Mortuary	360.779.4474
Tuell-McKee (Brem.)	360.377.5179
Universal F.H.(Spanish-speaking/Tacoma)	253.230.2920
Scanlin Funeral Home	253-820-4105

SUPPORT GROUPS

Compassionate Friends	877.969.0010
Senior Assistance	360.337.5700
SIDS FNDN (www.nisa-sids.org)	206.548.9290
Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Foundation www.sudc.org	800.620.7832
National Center for Victims of Crime	855-4-VICTIM
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention	

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

<https://afsp.org/find-support/ive-lost-someone/>

BIO-CLEANING PROVIDERS

Aftermath (aftermath.com)	877.693.1731
Bio Management Northwest	800.211.4579
Forefront Restoration	800.618.9524
Paul Davis Restoration	360.377.1647
Service Master	800.339.5720
Servpro-Kitsap Co.	360.373.1290
Valor Technical Cleaning	855.476.4911

****The Kitsap County Coroner's Office does not endorse or recommend any specific providers.***

Kitsap County Medical Examiner



Resource Guide

Mailing Address

**614 Division St. MS 17
Port Orchard, WA 98366**

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Bremerton WA 98312**

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Although not comprehensive, this guide is meant for your convenience only and does not constitute any endorsement by the coroner's office.

DEATH CERTIFICATES

*The Kitsap County Coroner's Office **DOES NOT** distribute death certificates.*

Funeral homes will need some vital statistic data and some paperwork for the deceased in order to properly complete the death certificate.

Death certificates are usually necessary during the process of settling the estate and are customarily obtained from the funeral home. Certificates can also be obtained from :

Up to 3 years following the death

Kitsap County Health District
Norm Dicks Building
345 6th Street, Suite 300
Bremerton, WA 98337
360.337.5235

www.kitsapcountyhealth.com/information/certificates.php

After 3 years following the death

WA State Department of Health
Center for Health Statistics
PO Box 9709
Olympia, WA 98507-9709
360.236.4313
www.doh.wa.gov

Click on "ordering certificates"

The schedule of costs for Death Certificates is maintained by the Department of Health.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Social Security will be notified of a death via the electronic filling of the death record by the funeral home.

<https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/survivors>
800.772.1213

ON THE JOB DEATHS

The State Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) may pay a benefit for a worker whose death occurred during the course of their employment

Bremerton Office: 360.415.4000 or
800.423.7233
www.lni.wa.gov

Go to "Claims and Insurance"

DEATH AS THE RESULT OF A CRIME

If the death was the result of a criminal act, benefits may be available from the Crime Victims Compensation Program administered by the State Department of Labor & Industries

800-762-3716
www.lni.wa.gov

Go to "Claims and Insurance"

VETERAN'S DEATH BENEFIT

Deceased veterans may be entitled to burial benefits. Funeral homes are knowledgeable and can assist with making arrangements. A copy of the deceased's DD Form 214 is required

Visit Kitsap County Veterans Assistance Office
www.kitsapgov.com/hs/veterans/VA.htm

Call your local Veterans of Foreign Wars Lodge
or the

US Department of Veterans Affairs:
800.827.1000

www.va.gov/opa/persona/dependent_survivor.asp

CIVIL SERVICE INFORMATION

Active Service: If the deceased is an active civil service employee, benefit information will be available from the personnel department of the employee's agency

Retired: If the deceased is a retired civil service employee, the benefit information is available from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

888.767.6738

Office of Personnel Management
PO Box 45
Boyers, PA 16017

www.opm.gov/retirement-services

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) provides assistance with benefit claims to retired Federal civil service employees and their survivors. This help is free

National Association of Retired
Federal Employees
606 North Washington Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
703.838.7760
www.narfe.org

NARFE WA State District IV
Bremerton Chapter 181
PO Box 5025
Bremerton, WA 98312-0462
360.698.6078

Email: ch181@narfewadist4.org

Washington State Attorney General's Office

The Office of the Washington State Attorney General provides an online resource guide to assist consumers regarding options when a death occurs. It is available at

<http://www.atg.wa.gov/dealing-death>