



Western Australia

Health Act 1911

## **Model By-laws — Handling of Dead Bodies**



Western Australia

## **Model By-laws — Handling of Dead Bodies**

### **Contents**

1.	Provision of masks and gloves for handling dead bodies	1
2.	Disinfected shroud to be used	1
3.	Decomposing bodies to be placed in closed containers	1
	<b>Notes</b>	
	Compilation table	2
	Provisions that have not come into operation	2



## **Model By-laws — Handling of Dead Bodies**

### *Precautions to be taken in the Handling of Dead Bodies*

**1. Provision of masks and gloves for handling dead bodies**

- (a) The keeper of any private hospital or the person in charge of any public hospital or any undertaker shall provide the necessary gloves and masks for use by persons handling the body of any person who has died of infectious disease.
- (b) Every person handling such body shall, while so doing, use the gloves and masks provided for that purpose.

**2. Disinfected shroud to be used**

The keeper of any private hospital or the person in charge of any public hospital shall, as soon as possible after the death of any person from an infectious disease, cause the body to be wrapped in a shroud which has first been soaked with a disinfecting solution. The said keeper or person in charge shall also, as soon as possible, cause the body to be placed in a coffin or other container, properly closed, before removal from his premises.

**3. Decomposing bodies to be placed in closed containers**

The keeper of a private hospital or the person in charge of any public hospital shall cause any body which is in an advanced stage of decomposition or likely to be a nuisance, to be placed in a coffin or other container properly closed, before removal from his premises.

### Notes

- <sup>1</sup> This is a compilation of the *Model By-laws Handling Dead Bodies* and includes the amendments referred to in the following Table <sup>1a</sup>.

#### Compilation table

Citation	Gazettal	Commencement
<i>Model By-laws Handling Dead Bodies</i>	3 Aug 1917 p.1173	3 Aug 1917

- <sup>1a</sup> On the date as at which this compilation was prepared, provisions referred to in the following table had not come into operation and were therefore not included in this compilation. For the text of the provisions see the endnotes referred to in the table.

#### Provisions that have not come into operation

Short title	Number and year	Assent	Commencement
<i>Public Health (Consequential Provisions) Act 2016</i> s. 205(e) <sup>2</sup>	19 of 2016	25 Jul 2016	24 Jan 2017 (see s. 2(1)(c) and <i>Gazette</i> 10 Jan 2017 p. 165)

- <sup>2</sup> On the date as at which this compilation was prepared, the *Public Health (Consequential Provisions) Act 2016* s. 205(e) had not come into operation. It reads as follows:

**205. Subsidiary legislation repealed**

This subsidiary legislation is repealed:

- (e) the *Model By-laws - Handling Dead Bodies*;