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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

- ^{1.} This is a compilation of the *Model By-laws Handling Dead Bodies* and includes the amendments referred to in the following Table.

Compilation table

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