

Allow for a Safe Burial when Someone Dies at Home

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Do not touch, wash, or clean the body. Do not touch body fluids or anything a person who may have died of Ebola has touched.

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Pay your respects or pray at least 3 feet (1 meter) away from the body. Do not touch, kiss, clean, wash, or wrap the body.

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Always call 117 or a district alert line when someone dies.

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Cooperate with the counselor and allow the burial team into your home to safely remove the body. A burial team member may take a swab sample to send to the laboratory to test for Ebola.

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People who die must be buried quickly to protect others from Ebola. The burial team will place the body in a body bag and disinfect the home with a safe chlorine solution.

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All items that the person who died touched such as a mattress and clothing should be taken from the house and not used by anyone else.

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The body will be taken by the burial team to a cemetery. Families cannot travel with the burial team to the cemetery. The family and a religious leader may be able to view the burial from at least 15 feet (5 meters) away.

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If the Ebola test confirms that your loved one died of Ebola, you will have to stay at home for 21 days. This is how long it can take to develop Ebola symptoms. Health workers will visit the house every day to check if anyone becomes sick.