

Procedure for The Shipment of the Dead Body Outside Saudi Arabia

1. In case of death of an expatriate at work or at his/her residence, a doctor from KFUPM Medical Center should examine him and transfer the dead body to the King Fahd Teaching Hospital, Al-Khobar with a preliminary medical examination report.
2. Upon receiving the dead body, the Government hospital will examine the dead body and issue a Medical Report.
3. Written consent of the deceased person's family will be needed for burial in KSA or shipment of the dead body to the country of origin. The deceased's legal heirs should also prepare a Power of Attorney wherein they should specify the Bank Account Number and the names of the beneficiaries who will receive the final settlement of dues and the personal belongings of the deceased which will be shipped with the dead body. The Power of Attorney should be certified by the Foreign Office of the deceased's country and the Saudi Embassy/Consulate in that country.
4. The address of the deceased in his native country should be printed in Arabic and English with 9 photo copies.
5. Nine (9) copies of passport and iqama and the original passport of the deceased will be required.
6. Approval of the concerned embassy in KSA for the burial in KSA or shipment of the dead body abroad will be required.
7. The local Police Department and the Governorate should be contacted for the completion of other formalities e.g. issuance of a Police Report containing the cause of death etc., followed by the issuance of *No Objection Certificate* by the Governorate in sealed envelopes addressed to the local Passport department, Government Hospital, Customs Dept., and the Airport Passport Dept., for the shipment of the dead body abroad.
8. After the issuance of the Police Report, the Ahwal Al-Madania Dept. (Civil Registration Dept.) will issue an Official Death Certificate for the deceased.
9. After receiving the official Death Certificate and the sealed envelopes, an exit visa will be issued by the Passport Department for the dead body to be shipped outside KSA.
10. Finally, the travel arrangements should be made with the concerned Airline to make flight reservations to the native country of the deceased.
11. After finalizing the travel arrangements, the Government hospital should be informed 9 hours before the flight departure time in order to embalm the dead body and prepare the coffin for the final shipment.