

## 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

**All personal effects and valuables taken for safe-keeping are inventoried and secured at the Kitsap County Coroner's office. These items are normally transferred to the funeral home with the deceased. But, arrangements can be made to collect them at our office.**

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

### INFORMATION TO HAVE AVAILABLE

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

Parent's Names  
Social Security number  
Military discharge papers (DD214)  
Date of Birth  
Place of birth  
Education Level  
Usual Occupation  
Marital Status  
Spouse's Name

## LOCAL AREA FUNERAL HOMES\*

A El Cielo (Hispanic Owned)	877-352-4356
A Simple Cremation	360-779-7988
American Cremation & Casket	360-651-9233
Cook Family Funeral Home	206-842-2642
Haven of Rest	253-851-9991
Kitsap Cremation & Burial Society	360-874-1276
Kosec (Port Townsend)	360-385-2642
Lewis Funeral Home	360-377-3836
Linde—Price Funeral Service	360-683-1649
Miller-Woodlawn	360-377-7648
NW B.E.S.T. LLC (Body Donation)	425-251-6570
Pendleton Gilchrist/Rill	360-876-4405
Stone Chapel /Poulsbo Mortuary	360-779-4474
Tuell-McKee	360-377-5179

## SUPPORT GROUPS

Compassionate Friends	877-969-0010
Senior Assistance	360-337-5700
Senior Legal Services	360-876-9221
SIDS FNDN (www.nisa-sids.org)	800-533-0376
Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Program www.sudc.org	800-620-7832
National Ctr for Victims of Crime	202-467-8700

## BIO-CLEANING PROVIDERS\*

Aftermath (aftermath.com)	800-366-9923
Bio Management Northwest	877-524-6411
Bio Tec	888-246-9111
First Choice Restoration	253-539-2686
Paul Davis Restoration	360-377-1647
RestorX of Washington	800-767-2394
Service Master	800-339-5720

# Kitsap County Coroner's Office



## *Resource Guide*

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

**Physical Address**  
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**Bremerton WA 98312**

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As a part of our concern and care for the families of Kitsap County, this brochure was prepared to help answer questions that often arise after the death of a family member. It is the hope of the Kitsap County Coroner's Office that this information will help during this very difficult time.

## DEATH CERTIFICATES

Death certificates are signed by a physician or by the Coroner's Office. The funeral home then registers them with the Kitsap County Health District. The original is subsequently filed with the Department of Vital Statistics in Olympia.

Certified copies of the death certificate are usually necessary during the process of settling the estate and are customarily obtained from the funeral home. Certified copies can also be obtained from the County Health Department or the WA Department of Health as follows:

### **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](http://www.kitsapcountyhealth.com)

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](http://www.doh.wa.gov)

*Click on "ordering certificates"*

There is a charge for certified copies.

## SOCIAL SECURITY

A Social Security survivor benefit may be available to the deceased's spouse and/or the children. Contact them at

800-772-1213

[www.ssa.gov/survivorplan](http://www.ssa.gov/survivorplan)

## 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.

360-415-4000—Bremerton Office

[www.lni.wa.gov](http://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](http://www.lni.wa.gov)

*Go to "Claims and Insurance"*

## VETERANS' DEATH BENEFIT

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

Visit Kitsap County Veterans Assistance Office

[www.kitsapgov.com/hr/wsolympic/veterans/VA.htm](http://www.kitsapgov.com/hr/wsolympic/veterans/VA.htm)

Call the local

Veterans of Foreign Wars Lodge

or contact the

US Department of Veterans Affairs:

800-827-1000

[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

## 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/retire](http://www.opm.gov/retire)

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 N. Washington St.

Alexandria, VA 22314

703-838-7760

[www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org)

### **NARFE WA State District IV Bremerton Chapter 181**

PO Box 5025

Bremerton, WA 98312-0462

360-698-6078

[ch181@narfewadist4.org](mailto: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