

Feavea'ina o pepe

Nga kawenga pepe

Transporting Your Baby



Documentation

If your baby has died and has not been referred to the coroner, there are no legal requirements for the transportation of your baby,

However it is important to have the following documentation with your baby just in case you need to show anyone such as police or ambulance staff in the case of an accident. *(The hospital or mortuary will provide these)*

For a stillborn baby or a baby who has died after birth:

‘Transfer of Charge of Body’ form (BDM 39)

Medical Certificate of Causes of Fetal and Neonatal Death (HP4721),

For an older baby (more than 28 days old)

Medical Certificate of Causes of Death (HP4720)

Death under coronial investigation:

A coroner’s order for Disposal of Body (Coroner 3)

(the coroner will provide this)

Where can we take our baby?

You may choose to take your baby home with you, or take your baby to the funeral director you have arranged. You may also choose to take your baby somewhere special before the funeral/service e.g a place with special meaning such as somewhere you went in pregnancy or maybe your home town.

How does my baby travel?

Your baby can travel in the car with you. You can place your baby in:

Your arms

Baby car seat

Moses basket

Cocoon,

Bassinette

Casket/coffin.

Memory box

Remember to secure your baby for the journey regardless of how he/she is travelling and his/her size.

Travelling by plane:

For domestic flights, you will need to check that the airline allows you to take your baby to your destination. If so, your baby will be required to travel in a casket or coffin in the hold of the plane. You cannot take your baby in the cabin with you so this does need to be a consideration. You can arrange this yourself however it may be distressing as you will need to make the arrangements with the cargo department.

For international transportation your baby must be embalmed which means a funeral director needs to be involved.