

VITAL INFO & LEGAL



'EXHUMATION - FAQ'S'

Exhumation is the removal of human remains from the place where they are interred.

There are very strict laws and rules governing Exhumation and we recommend that you contacted us to discuss any exhumation queries or requirements you may have. We offer a full Exhumation Service.

Three common questions about exhumation are answered below:

WHO MAY REQUEST EXHUMATION?

- The personal representatives of the deceased
- The Coroner
- The Local Authority
- The Department of Transport
- The Incumbent of the church (the vicar)

WHY MAY EXHUMATION BE REQUESTED?

- To identify a deceased
- To transfer a body from one grave to another
- To cremate a body
- To recover jewellery, documents or other artifacts
- For the purpose of holding a first or further inquest
- For purposes of health
- To enable road schemes to proceed

WHAT AUTHORITIES ALLOW AN EXHUMATION TO TAKE PLACE?

- The Coroner
- The Home Office