



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER

401 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20024

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OCME Staff Only

AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE A BODY

The District of Columbia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) will not authorize the release of a decedent without receipt of this signed AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE A BODY form from the funeral director at the time of removal.

Deceased Full Name: [Text Box]

Deceased Race: [Text Box] Gender: [Text Box] Age: [Text Box]

Deceased Date of Birth: [Text Box] Date of Death: [Text Box]

Deceased Location: OCME: [ ] or Hospital: [Text Box]

or Funeral Home: [Text Box]

The undersigned hereby requests that OCME authorize the release of the above-named decedent to:

Funeral Home or Crematory: [Text Box] Contact Number: [Text Box]

The undersigned represents that he/she is the next of kin of the deceased, as defined in D.C. Official Code § 3-413, or other person authorized to receive the remains and has full authority to give permission for the release of the body, pursuant to the following order of priority:

- 1. Written directive;
2. Surviving competent spouse, or domestic partner, as defined under § 32-701(3);
3. Sole surviving competent adult child or the majority of the competent surviving adult children;
4. Surviving competent parent or parents;
5. Surviving competent adult in the next degree of kindred;
6. Competent adult friend or volunteer.

Next of Kin Signature:\* [Text Box]

Date:\* [Text Box]

Next of Kin Name\* (Printed): [Text Box]

Relationship to the Deceased:\* [Text Box]

Witness Signature:\* [Text Box]

Date:\* [Text Box]

Complete this form and fax it to the OCME ID Unit at 202-698-9100 prior to scheduling a removal. Present the complete and signed form at the time of removal. If you have questions regarding the form or the decedent release process, call the OCME ID Unit at 202-698-9000.

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Mortuary / funeral director staff verified decedent's name, race, gender, age, and OCME # with transport agent.
OCME Staff Initials Agent Initials

Approved [Text Box]
Initial & Date

Not Approved [Text Box]
Initial & Date