

## **In Case of Death**

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### **General**

When death occurs in a family, the Jamaat through its Mayyit Committee takes the responsibility of organising the funeral. This includes transporting the Mayyit to Hujjat Imambara, Stanmore, Ghusal, Kafan, Dafan and Siyaka Majlis/Nyaz. The only task left to the family is that of obtaining the death and burial certificates and meeting the expenses.

### **Point of Contact**

As soon as a death has occurred, please inform the Jamaat Office on 020 8954 6247 during office hours or on 020 8385 7817 when the Jamaat Office is closed. Alternately, please contact Anwar bhai Jagani direct on 077 9886 7786.

### **Information required when phoning the Jamaat Office**

1. Name of the deceased, with correct spelling (as registered at the hospital).
2. Age, Residential Address and Telephone Number
3. Name, Address and Telephone Number of Next of Kin
4. Cause and place of death
5. Contact telephone number of the member of family coordinating the funeral arrangements
6. Your choice of Cemetery (North Watford, Carpenders Park, Brookwood or Northwood)

### **Death Certificate**

You are required to obtain two certificates (The Death Certificate and the Burial Certificate) without which no burial can take place.

If death takes place at home, then phone the GP, who in turn will either issue a Death Certificate or may refer the case to a Coroner.

If the death takes place in hospital, then the Resident Doctor will issue the Death Certificate or may refer the case to a Coroner.

If the case is referred to a coroner, he will carry out all the necessary investigations and will then issue a Death Certificate or will carry out a post mortem and will then issue a Death Certificate. Please note, that if he decides to do a post mortem, then you have no chance of dissuading him. It is better if you request him to carry it out as soon as possible.

### **Burial Certificate**

On obtaining the Death Certificate, take it to the Registrar nearest to the Hospital (check with the Hospital) and Register the Death. The Registrar will then issue a green coloured Burial Certificate. Burial can only take place after you have obtained the Burial Certificate.

If death has taken place in a hospital, sometimes a Registrar in the hospital issues a white coloured Burial Certificate. Alternatively, you may have to register with the borough where the hospital is situated.

It is essential that you bring both the Death Certificate and the Burial Certificate to the Jamaat Office before the burial can take place.

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### **Burial Time**

The Jamaat will arrange to collect the Mayyit and bring it to the Imambara on the morning of the Burial. Namaz-e-Mayyit will be prayed after Namaz-e-Asr. Gents then accompany the Janaza to the Cemetery while the Ladies stay behind in the Imambara, where Qur'an is recited followed by a majlis for the deceased. When the gents return from burial to the Imambara, (between 1 1/2 to 3 hours, depending on location of cemetery), the Ziyarat Majlis takes place at the centre.

### **News of Death (NoD) Network**

The NoD Network has been set-up by the London Jamaat to inform people, who so wish, of a death of a member within the community from the London Jamaat. An attempt will be made to contact the people by the evening of the burial day, so that at the very least, Namaaz-e-Wahshat for the Marhum(a) can be recited.

A network of reliable and dedicated volunteers already exists. Each volunteer is a Unit Leader responsible for a maximum of ten numbers to call. The Unit Leader has a structured list of names and their telephone numbers to contact. A coordinator controls the whole network.

If you wish to be informed of deaths at Stanmore, then all you need to do is complete the slip available from the Jamaat Office and post/return it to the Jamaat Office. Please allow two weeks from the day your slip is received in the Jamaat Office for you to be put on the Network. This is the time scale needed to computerize your records and inform the appropriate Unit Leader of the changes.