



Gardens of Peace

ICCM Learning
Convention & Exhibition

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**Every Soul Shall
Taste Death
(21:35)**

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About Us

- Purchased land in 1998
- Registered as a charity in late 1998
- Planning permission was granted in 2001
- The first burial took place in November 2002
- More land has been purchased for future use









Community Involvement

- Constantly encourage community involvement
- Held tree planting for local school kids
- Hosted local scouts groups annual walk
- Held multiple funeral awareness events
- We have a clothes bank for Islamic Relief



Awards

- Stoneguard Phoenix Award 2003
- Bali National Landscape Award 2003
- 2006 Certificate of Achievement as part of London in Bloom
- ACE / RIBA Award for Religious Architecture 2011- Runners Up



Muslim Bereavement Support Service

- Non-profit organisation formed in early 2012 to 'fill the gaps'
- Initially supported by Gardens of Peace but aim to be independent
- Support specialists are fully trained volunteers
- Affiliated with SANDS and Sakoon Counselling
- During the early stages will only provide support to mothers but plan to expand to provide support for entire family



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Preparing for a Muslim Burial

There are five main points for the preparation of a Muslim's body for burial as listed below:

- Body Washing or Ghusul
- Shrouding the body - Kafn
- Funeral Prayers (Janāzah Salāh)
- Funeral procession
- Burial

n.b. We only permit shroud burials but allow coffins under exceptional circumstances

Cultural Variances

- Certain communities have variations in burial:
 - Large monuments, flowers, pictures and use of incense, predominantly by the Turkish community
 - Preference for a concrete chamber instead of wooden planks
 - Large memorial stones with religious inscriptions
- The above variations are cultural rather than religious requirements

Islamic Requirements - Stillborn Babies

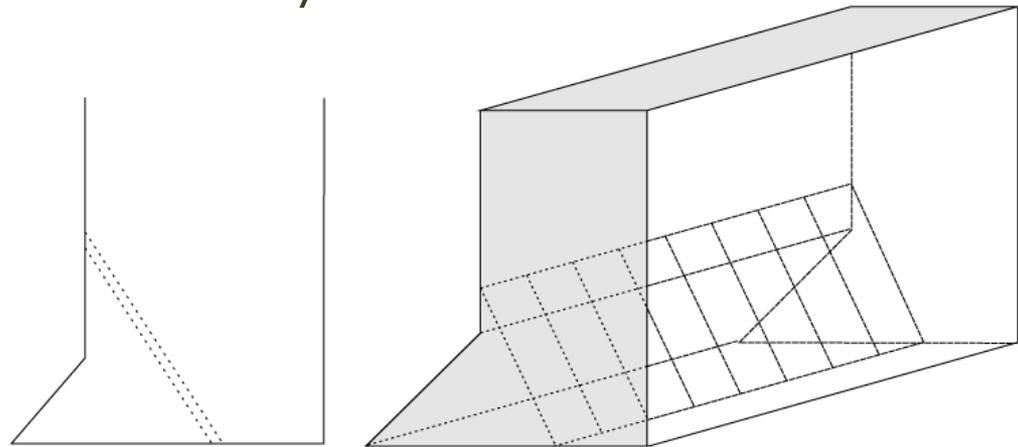
- Under 120 days – no need for body to be washed or need to name the foetus or for funeral prayer
- More than 120 days – need for body wash and need to name the foetus, and funeral prayer only if child lives, however briefly, before dying

Plan of the Cemetery



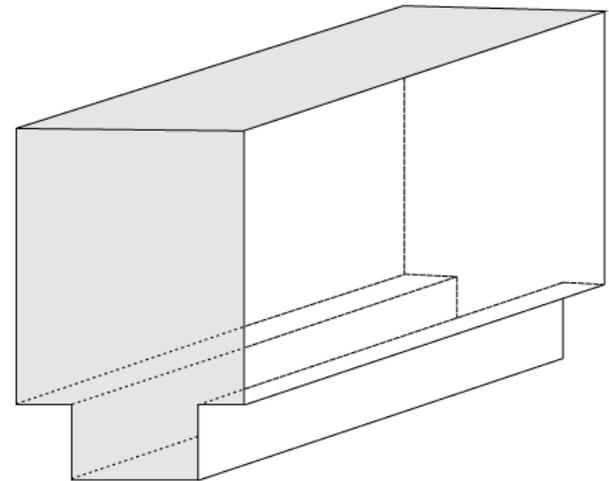
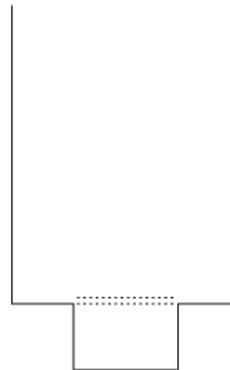
Types of Grave – The Lahd

- Where the ground and sides of the grave are firm, then a recess should be dug on the side facing towards Mecca, to allow placing the body in the recess.
- Unbaked bricks or wooden planks should preferably be used to close the recess, and made to fit neatly.



Types of Grave – The Shiq

- Where the soft nature of the ground does not allow a *Lahd* to be made, then a shallow trench should be dug in the centre at the bottom of the *grave* to allow the body to be placed in this trench.
- Timber may be used to cover this. The use of any fabrics or blankets etc is undesirable

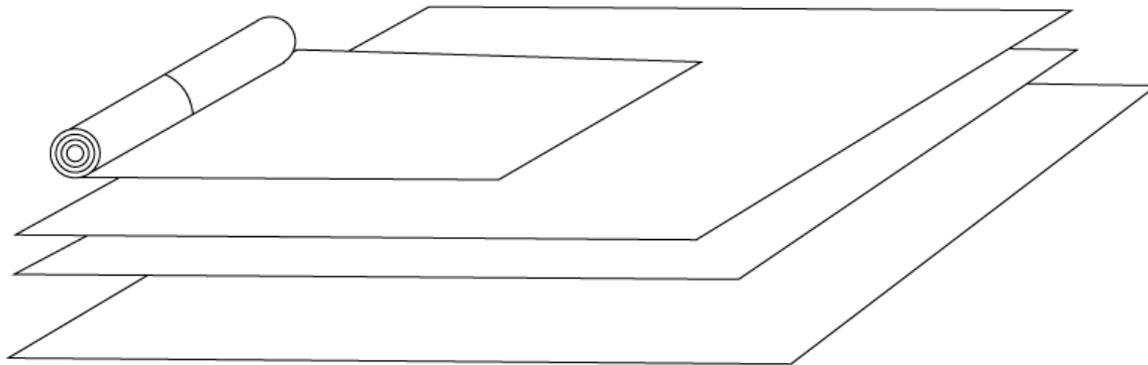


Preferable Practices in Shrouding the dead

- The shroud should be pleasant, clean and large enough to cover the entire body
- Twenty-two yards of material will be needed for the shroud as some wraps need to be double in width to make them wide enough for wrapping.
- The shroud should be white
- Should be scented and perfumed

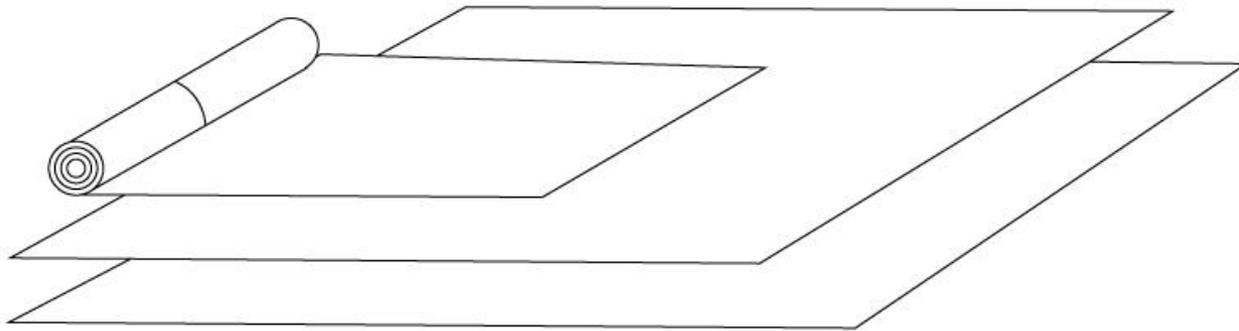
Woman's Shroud

- Scarf (not shown)
- Shirt
- Loin cloth
- Chest wrap
- Outer Sheet



Men's Shroud

- Shirt
- Loin cloth
- Outer Sheet



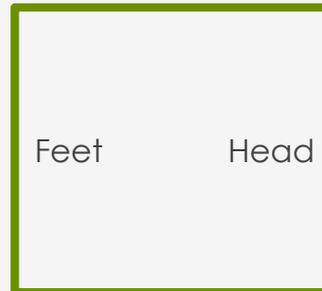


Foetus

120 days or less inside the
mothers womb

500mm x 500mm

500



500



Stillborn

120 days inside the mothers womb up till birth

600mm x 500mm

600

Feet

Head

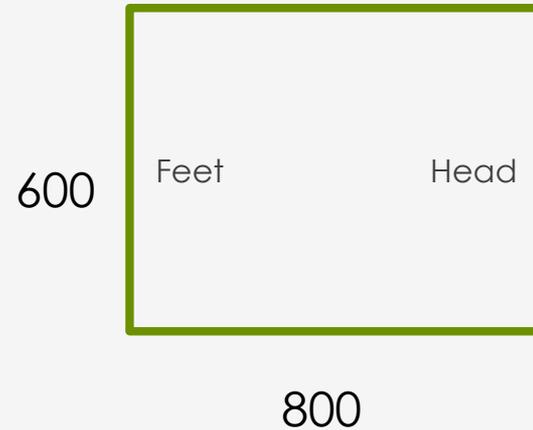
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Babies

From birth up to 2 years old

800mm x 600mm

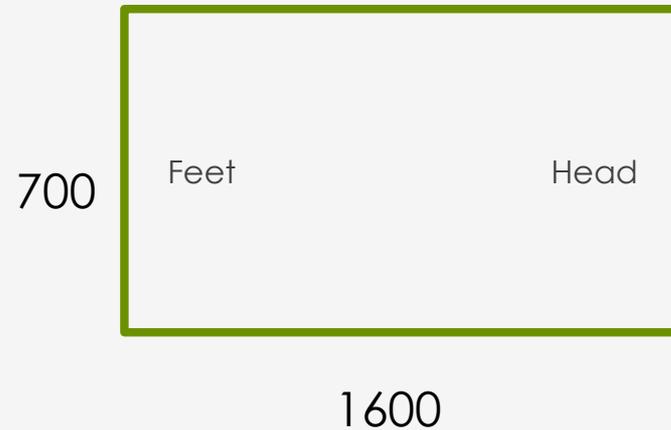




Children

From 2 years to 12 years old

1600mm x 700mm

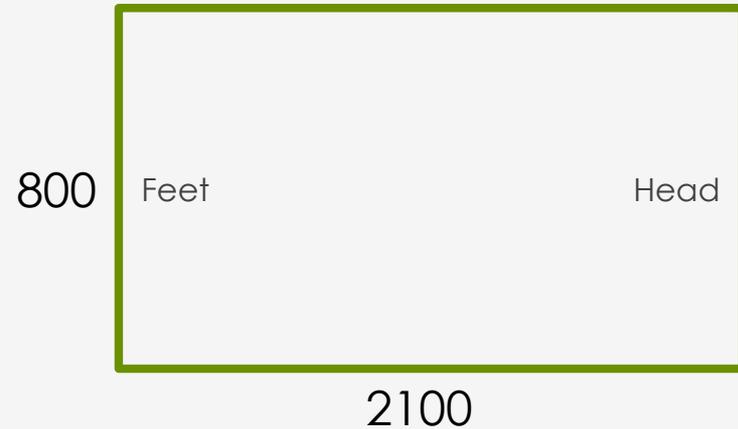




Adult

From 12 years old and
above

2100mm x 800mm



Preparation of the grave



FAQ

- Flowers on graves
- Tombstones
- Incense / candles
- Prayers at graveside
- Visiting the graves for women
- More than one person in one grave
- Recycling / reuse
- Transporting of bodies abroad
- Who can give ghusul (washing of the body)
- Watering graves
- What will benefit the dead
- Placing quoranic / or any other personal items into the grave
- Attendance of non-Muslims for funerals
- Shape of grave
- Reservation of graves

Thank you for listening

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