

# FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MUSLIMS IN FINLAND

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# "TRULY! TO ALLAH WE BELONG AND TRULY, TO HIM WE SHALL RETURN."

**QURAN 2:156** 

Losing a relative or a close friend is a moment that often paralyses us momentarily. It is a moment that reminds us of Allah's decree and power over the inevitable future. The person you knew is no longer with you but rather started the journey to the Hereafter.

Regardless of the pain and sorrow that overwhelm us, we must gather some strength to take care of the funeral arrangements so that the beloved one would be buried as soon as possible. These guidelines are here to help you go through these difficult times smoothly in sha Allah.

May Allah have mercy on your beloved one and may He ease your sorrow and pain.





#### ON THE DAY OF DEATH

- A doctor will write the death certificate and permission for burial. Ask for the documents to be written as soon as possible to rush the burial.
- Contact your local masjid or contact person who will help you with the arrangements for the burial wash and janazah (burial).
- Call the funeral home. Call also your local social office in case you need financial aid for the costs. Funeral homes arrange all transportations between the graveyard and the hospital. They also help you with all the documentation and possible issues with the heritage. Be aware that they usually charge for extra services.
- You should buy the shroud material for the deceased. For example there is a shop called Eurokangas which sells white bed linen material per meter. Normally men need approximately 8 meters and women about 10 metres of fabric. This might vary according to the size of the deceased.
- Do not forget to inform the relatives and friends about the death of the beloved one.



# ON THE FUNERAL DAY

- Deliver the shroud fabric to the people who are in charge of the burial wash. The washing normally takes place the same day as the burial.
- If anyone among the family or close friends would like to take part in the burial washing, it is advisable to let the people in charge know about it in advance. The burial wash procedure needs always extra hands for help.





# **DURING THE WEEK**

- Order the registration papers (virkatodistus) of the deceased from the Registry Office (maistraatti). They are indispensable for the affairs of the deceased such as closing the bank accounts and for the legal documentation of the distribution of inheritance.
- Cancel direct debit contracts such as applications in mobiles and tablets. The National Registration Program receives direct notice from the hospitals and soon after they will notify the banks who will freeze the bank accounts and cancel the bankcards.
- Cancel the internet and telephone contracts of the deceased.
- Contact Kela for the possible benefits such as the widows' pension or the family pension.



# WITHIN 3 MONTHS

• The estate inventory is a legally requested procedure in Finland that should be done within 3 months from the death. If the deceased had a lot of property, it is advisable to hire a professional for this task. It might be complicated to work these documents alone. The estate inventory will confirm and approve this document and the Tax Office determines the potential inheritance tax which is compulsory to pay to the state.







Here are the contact details of some mosques in the capital area.
The details of other mosques can be found at:

www.rukousajat.fi

#### HELSINKI

Masjid al-Huda Veturitori 2, 00520 Helsinki <u>Tel: +358 45 1</u>28 2818

hic.fi

# **ESPOO**

Masjid al-Nuur Kirstinharju 1–3 02760 Espoo Tel: +358 45 649 6900 masjidalnuur.com Rabita Lönnrotinkatu 22 P 4100120 Helsinki,

Tel: +358 94 289 3751

rabita.fi

# **VANTAA**

As-Salam Islamic Center Community Ojahaanrinne 4K 01600 Vantaa Tel: +358 45 195 0139

assic.fi





# FUNERAL HOMES IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA

#### HELSINKI

Funeral home Pietet

Haaga office
Tunnelitie 2, 00320
Helsinki
tel. +358 9 726 0711
(24/7 emergency service)

#### **ESPOO**

Funeral Service Callo

Majurinkatu 1, 02600 Espoo tel. 050 407 5880 Munkkiniemi office
Huopalahdentie 3, 00330
Helsinki
tel. +358 9 488 140
(24/7 emergency service)

# VANTAA

Funeral Service Calla

tel. 050 433 7212 (24/7 emergency service)









# **CEMETERIES**

Muslims do not yet have their own cemetery in Finland. In the following cemeteries, areas have been allocated for Muslims.

The Tatars have their own area in Hietaniemi Cemetery, which is intended for the members of the Finnish Islamic Congregation.





# LOCATION OF CEMETERIES

# **ESPOO**

Kellonummen Cemetery, Kellonummentie 15, 02740 Espoo

# **VANTAA**

Honkanummi Cemetery, Vanha Porvoontie 225, 01380 Vantaa Ruskeasannan Cemetery, Ruskeasannantie 5, 01390 Vantaa

# **KIRKKONUMMI**

Rajakummun Cemetery, Rajakummuntie, 02400 Kirkkonummi

# **TURKU**

Turku Cemetery – Uudenmaankatu, 20720 Turku Kärsämäki Cemetery – Vahdontie 3, 20360 Turku



# **SOCIAL OFFICES**

IN RELATION TO THE BURIAL

# **HELSINKI**

Income support for the burial is sought from Etuuskäsittely.

tel: 09 310 56257 Mon-Fri: 9- 12:00

# **ESPOO**

Komentajankatu 5 C, 02600 ESPOO tel: 09 816 45 000 (Mon-Fri: 9-10:00)

# **VANTAA**

Karsikkokuja 17, 01360 Vantaa 2nd floor.

Mon-Fri: 9- 14.00.

Tel: 09 839 19 211 (Mon-Fri: 8.15-16.00)





# THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Remember to make dua'a for the deceased.
- Call the local masjid (mosque) or a contact person or the number below.
- Call the funeral home.
- Call the Social office if you need a voucher for the funeral costs. Inform the relatives and friends about the news.
- Pay the debts of the deceased before the burial if possible.
- Buy the shroud fabric before the burial wash.
- Order the registration papers from all the locations in which the deceased lived for the estate inventory.
- Hire a professional if needed.



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