

Your Child's Ashes - What to Do, When and How

This information is designed to assist you with your options and choices around your child's ashes. We hope it answers some of the questions you have and perhaps provides you with choices you did not realise existed. Call us at any time to ask questions you might have and discuss your options.

There is no timeframe for collecting your child's ashes. Please take as long as you need and call us when you are ready.

Collecting ashes

When you feel ready, call us to arrange a time to collect your child's ashes during weekday business hours. Alternatively, for a fee we can arrange delivery of ashes to your home.

Ashes are placed in a sturdy blue plastic container at the crematorium, and this container is put into a cardboard box (similar to a shoe box). This container is functional and "does the job" but it is not decorative. You may wish to consider other options, particularly if you are considering scattering your child's ashes.

What can ashes be kept in?

Your child's ashes can be kept in the container that the crematorium provides, alternatively you may choose something else unique to you. Just be sure you feel it is secure enough to safely hold the ashes. You can transfer your child's ashes, or we can help you.

There are many options available. These range from keepsake urns to timber urns and memorial jewellery.

Interment of ashes:

Ashes can be interred in locations such as cemeteries, church grounds, private property, and public spaces in nature. You must have permission to do this and in the case of cemeteries, there is paperwork to be completed and fees paid. You may make enquiries directly, or we can assist you.

Dividing up ashes:

There is no right or wrong when it comes to this; some families want their child's ashes all together, whereas other families wish to share the ashes for keeping or scattering in different locations. The choice is yours. If you wish for ashes to be divided, this can be done prior to collection. You may also request this at a later date. Fees may apply.

Travelling with ashes:

When travelling interstate or internationally with ashes, we can provide you with a letter that confirms the contents of the ashes box. We strongly advise that you obtain this letter to avoid unnecessary delays, particularly with overseas travel and customs. Each country has its own laws in relation to human remains; please consult the embassy of the relevant country for more information.

Memorialisation of Ashes:

There are a number of ways that you can memorialise your child's ashes. Some of these are:

- Keep them in one or more urns
- Keep them in jewellery
- Have them created into mementos
- Have them infused into tattoo ink
- Have them placed into fireworks

On our website you will find a number of images of the above suggestions. You can also look at the following websites:

- www.FuneralProducts.com.au
- www.LifeCycleUrns.com/brochure
- www.MemorialGlass.com.au
- www.KeepsakeMemorialJewellery.com.au
- www.AshesToAshes.com.au

Please note, some of these suppliers will only sell to funeral directors. Please contact us if there is something you want that falls into this category.