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FAQ: Requirements for Funerals

Q: What does a “funeral event” mean?

A: A “funeral event” means a funeral, funeral wake or funeral procession.

Q: What are the general requirements that a funeral event has to fulfil?

A: The person responsible for any funeral event must take all reasonable steps to ensure that:

- a) there are not more than 10 individuals attending the funeral event at any time; and
- b) where the funeral event is held in any premises, the owner of the premise must:
 - i. as far as is reasonably practicable, take the body temperature of every individual entering the permitted premises, in order to determine whether the individual is a symptomatic case;
 - ii. as far as is reasonably practicable, obtain and keep the contact particulars of every individual (other than an essential service worker who ordinarily works in the permitted premises), before allowing the individual to enter the permitted premises, so as to facilitate contact tracing measures;
 - iii. where seating is provided:
 - if the seating is not fixed to the floor of the premises — to ensure that each seat is at least one metre away from any other seat at all times; or
 - if the seating is fixed to the floor of the premises — to ensure that alternate seats



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- are demarcated as seats not to be occupied;
- iv. where individuals may form a queue or wait in an area in the premises for any reason — to apply practices that ensure that every individual in the queue or area is at least one metre away from any other individual in the queue or area.

Q: Who is responsible to ensure that the general requirements (as mentioned above) for a funeral event are fulfilled?

A: The person responsible is the funeral director or any other person who is engaged to organise the funeral event. Where there is no funeral director or any other person engaged to organise the funeral event, the person responsible is the owner or occupier of the premises in which the funeral event is held.

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