

Quick Guide Summary

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- 14 states have some form of embalming OR refrigeration requirements: [Arizona](#) • [Arkansas](#) • [Colorado](#) • [Delaware](#) • [Florida](#) • [Hawaii](#) • [Kansas](#) • [Louisiana](#) • [Minnesota](#) • [Mississippi](#) • [Nevada](#) • [New Mexico](#) • [Texas](#) • [Virginia](#)
- 3 states do not recognize refrigeration as a valid alternative to embalming: [Iowa](#) • [Michigan](#) • [North Dakota](#)
- 3 states prohibit embalming when infectious diseases are involved: [Delaware](#) • [Hawaii](#) • [North Carolina](#)
- 2 states require that bodies be embalmed in order to leave the state: [Alabama](#) • [Arkansas](#)
- 8 states have statutes that mandate/give permission to embalm bodies that died of infectious or communicable diseases: [Iowa](#) • [Kansas](#) • [Michigan](#) • [Minnesota](#) • [Missouri](#) • [Nevada](#) • [North Dakota](#) • [Wyoming](#)
- 1 state requires embalming of infected or communicable bodies specifically for public viewing: [Oregon](#)
- 3 states require speedy disposition for bodies that died of infectious or communicable diseases: [Missouri](#) • [Montana](#) • [Ohio](#)
- 7 states require embalming of all bodies being shipped by common carrier regardless of carrier requirements: [Arkansas](#) • [Idaho](#) • [Minnesota](#) • [Nebraska](#) • [Nevada](#) • [New Jersey](#) • [Wyoming](#)
- 2 states' Health Departments have the authority to determine whether a body with communicable disease will be embalmed: [Minnesota](#) • [Nevada](#)
- 2 states require that funeral directors be hired to supervise funerals and memorials: [Louisiana](#), [New York](#)
- 5 states require a funeral director to supervise disposition: [Louisiana](#), [Michigan](#), [Nebraska](#), [New Jersey](#), [New York](#)
- 3 states require funeral directors to remove bodies, receive from hospital, etc.: [Connecticut](#), [Louisiana](#), [New York](#)
- 8 states require a funeral director file the death certificate: [Connecticut](#), [Illinois](#), [Indiana](#), [Louisiana](#), [Michigan](#), [Nebraska](#), [New Jersey](#), [New York](#)
- 3 states require a funeral director to dispose of bodies with communicable diseases: [Connecticut](#), [District of Columbia](#), [Louisiana](#)
- 3 states require a funeral director to handle and receive cremated remains: [Indiana](#), [Iowa](#), [Louisiana](#)