

El Paso County Office of the Medical Examiner



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Funeral Homes in the El Paso Area

Crestview 915-856-1400
Evergreen 915-855-4007
Hillcrest East 915-598-3332
Hillcrest West 915-587-0202

Funerarias del Angel (multiple locations)

East 915-855-8881
Central 915-566-3955
West 915-584-1234
Restlawn 915-751-1287
Perches/La Paz (multiple locations)
La Paz 915-532-2101
Perches 915-772-0755
Perches East 915-849-8185
Perches Central 915-283-4366
Perches Northeast 915-260-5900
Perches West 915-581-0102

San Jose (multiple locations)

East 915-590-8700
Central 915-532-1856
Fabens 915-764-2254

Sunset (multiple locations)

Sunset 594-4424
Americas 915-858-4408
Northeast 915-755-4494
West 915-587-4408
Socorro Funeral Home 915-860-7084
Mt. Carmel Funeral Home 915-857-3535

Transport Services

Legacy Mortuary 915-838-1200
New Haven 915-790-0506
General Assistance 915-546-8150
El Paso Police Dept. 915-212-4000
El Paso County Sheriff's Office
915-546-2280



Frequently Asked Questions

The Office of the Medical Examiner would like to extend our condolences on the loss of your loved one. While this information is intended to answer questions you might have, please do not hesitate to call our office for further assistance.

Where will my loved one be taken?

Your loved one will be taken to the Office of the Medical Examiner, located at 4505 Alberta Ave., El Paso, Texas 79905

Why is the Medical Examiner's Office involved?

Article 49.25 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedures requires the Medical Examiner to investigate deaths that fall under the following criteria:

- Unattended deaths
- Deaths occurring less than 24 hours after admission to a hospital, nursing home, or other institutions

- Deaths in prison or jail
- When the cause of death is not known
- Deaths due to unnatural causes
- When death occurred under suspicious circumstances

Is viewing allowed? No. Please contact the designated funeral home to make arrangements for viewing in their setting.

Will an autopsy be done?

The Medical Examiner will determine whether an autopsy will be performed. In some cases, the Medical Examiner will perform an external examination and review the medical records.

Is there a charge for your services?

No.

What should I do now? You should select a funeral home. The Next of Kin will have to sign a Release Affidavit at the funeral home authorizing our office to release your loved one to the funeral home.

How can I find out the cause of death?

The cause and manner will be listed on the death certificate. If an autopsy or external exam was done by our office, you can call and request a report. There is a \$25.00 fee for non-immediate family members.

When will I get the death certificate?

The Medical Examiner will work with the funeral home of your choice to complete a death certificate electronically. The Medical Examiner does not provide copies of death certificates. The funeral home will file the death certificate with Texas Vital Statistics.

When will the next of kin get the written autopsy report? The vast majority of the cases handled by the Medical Examiner are finalized within 30 business days. Some cases that require specialized workup may take up to 60 business days, or more.

What happens to the personal effects of my loved one? If the next-of-kin is present at the time of death, the medical investigator will release the property there. Otherwise, the property is brought to the office, securely stored, and maintained for safe keeping until its release to the next of kin.