

**OCCUPATIONAL CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 299 of 1980**

**339.1861 Storage of dead human body by refrigeration facility; requirements.**

Sec. 1861.

(1) On receipt of a dead human body, a licensee, manager, or other authorized personnel shall ensure that a dead human body stored at a refrigeration facility is handled in the following manner:

(a) Is stored at a temperature between 36 degrees Fahrenheit and 39 degrees Fahrenheit.

(b) Is clothed or covered while being refrigerated.

(c) Is not stored directly on the ground.

(d) Is stored as only 1 dead human body per table tray or container, unless otherwise authorized by a person who has authority to make arrangements for a dead human body under section 3206 of the estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.3206.

(e) Is face up while being stored or transported.

(f) Is not stored over another dead human body, unless the dead human body is stored on a rack that has sufficient strength to support the dead human body.

(2) If a refrigeration facility that is storing a dead human body is not contacted by an entity that the refrigeration facility contracted with under section 1857 regarding the dead human body within 14 days after the refrigeration facility receives the dead human body, the manager of the refrigeration facility shall contact the medical examiner described in section 3206(9)(a) of the estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.3206, to proceed with the final disposition of the dead human body.

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