

Clinical Social Work

Transporting a Body

(Out of State or Internationally)

**Transporting a body**, especially out of the country, is quite costly. **Unfortunately it is difficult to find assistance with these cost. One program that may help those traveling or living abroad is** [**TeamAid.org**](https://teamaid.org/)**.** We also suggest you call funeral homes and compare prices, as they may vary by thousands of dollars. Then consider soliciting donations from clergy, family, friends, the deceased’s employer and/or personal fundraising websites. This process may take some time; we encourage you to begin as soon as you are able. Keep in mind that arrangements must be made between two funeral homes – one here and one where the deceased will be buried.

**Traveling with Cremated Remains**- For international travel, contact the country’s embassy well in advance to ask if there are special procedures or paperwork. For air travel see the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) website for guidance on acceptable containers. Also search your airline’s website for “cremated remains” as their policies vary. Some airlines require notice well in advance.

Ensure that you travel with related paperwork and attach a copy to the remains.