



The Lodge, Seafield Cemetery,  
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## APPLICATION FOR CREMATION

(Baby under 24 weeks gestation)

Please answer all questions.

Name of baby:

Sex (if known):  Gestation (in weeks/days):

Date of delivery:  Place of delivery:

Name of mother:

Address:

Post Code:

Date and time of cremation:

Location of cremation:  Warriston Crematorium – Lorimer Chapel  
 Warriston Crematorium – Cloister Chapel  
 Seafield Crematorium

Name of Officiant:

It is Edinburgh Crematorium Ltd's policy to return all ashes resulting from the cremation of a baby to the applicant, if that is their wish. If they do not wish the ashes to be returned to them, then we will disperse them in the crematorium grounds in the same manner as we would do with an adult. We do not guarantee that we will always get ashes from a baby cremation, but in the last twenty years we have never failed to do so. In the majority of our baby cremations, including both foetal and full term, we have visible skeletal remains. On the occasions when we do not have visible skeletal remains, we cannot be sure that the ashes contain any human remains, but we also cannot be sure that they do not.

I wish the ashes to be:

- Retained for collection by the funeral director
- Dispersed in Crematorium grounds

If you are not one of the parents, please provide evidence that they endorse the choice of disposal indicated above if this is not indicated on the hospital supporting documentation.

### DECLARATION OF APPLICANT

I understand that the Company may refuse to carry out cremation in any case without giving any reason, that if cremation is authorised the applicant is bound by the Company's regulations, and that the Company is not liable for any damage arising to any urn, niche, tablet or monument through accident, fire, explosion, earthquake, lightning, storm, aircraft, civil tumult, Act of God, or from any other cause, nor for loss or expense caused by delay in carrying out cremation. I also understand that the Company cannot accept any responsibility for floral tributes left at the Crematorium.

**Environmental Policy** The Company is committed to minimising its environmental impact and so the following should be noted:

- a) CO2 from fossil fuels is emitted by cremators. Emissions are highest when a cremator is turned on at the start of a day. To minimise the number of cremators in daily use, there may be occasions when a cremation is not carried out on the same day as the funeral, however cremations will always be carried out within 24 hours of the service taking place, and Saturday funerals will be cremated on the same day. If it is imperative that a cremation is carried out on the same day as the funeral, then a written request to this effect should be attached to this form.
- b) Edinburgh Crematorium Ltd are members of the Association of Private Crematoria and Cemeteries national recycling scheme. Metals remaining following cremation, are collected from crematoria throughout the UK, and taken to a central point for recycling. All surplus monies derived from the recycling scheme will be distributed amongst selected charities and the amounts donated to each charity will be shown on the Association's website. If you wish to make alternative arrangements for the disposal of any remaining metals from this cremation, please attach a written request to this application form and we will hold them at the crematorium on your behalf for one calendar month. Metals not collected within this period will be recycled as outlined above.
- c) British crematoria are legally obliged to reduce their mercury emissions by 50% with effect from 1st January 2013. Edinburgh Crematorium Ltd met this obligation in March 2008.

Name of applicant:

Position/relationship to baby:

Signature of applicant:

### DECLARATION OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR

**1 CONSTRUCTION OF THE COFFIN** The coffin must be made of a suitable material which, when placed in a cremator and subjected to the cremation process, is easily combustible and which does not emit smoke, give off toxic gas or leave any retardant smears or drips after final combustion. No metal furniture or fittings whatever shall be used on a coffin for cremation. Coffin handles should be free from unnecessary metal components. No metal of any kind shall be used in the manufacture of such coffin except as necessary for its safe construction and then only metal of a high ferrous content. Cross pieces must not be attached to the bottom of the coffin. If it is desired to strengthen the bottom of the coffin, wooden strips may be placed lengthways for this purpose. External coatings to a coffin must allow for smokeless combustion and the use of nitro-cellulose varnish, polyurethane, melamine and any products containing polyvinyl chloride (PVC) must not be used. Water-based lacquer, free from additives containing heavy metals, may be used for coating a coffin or a suitable cloth may be used for covering a coffin. The exception to the foregoing is the use of polystyrene which is restricted to the coffin nameplate only and this must not exceed 90 grams in weight.

**2 LINING OF THE COFFIN** The use of sawdust or cotton-wool must be avoided. If lining of a coffin is necessary, this should be manufactured from polythene not exceeding 75 microns in thickness. Lead or zinc linings must not be used. The use of shredded paper within a coffin is not permitted.

Name and address of Funeral Director:

Signature of Funeral Director :

THE COMPANY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO CARRY OUT CREMATION IF THE ABOVE DECLARATION IS NOT SIGNED

This Application should be lodged, along with supporting documentation at The Lodge, Seafield Cemetery, Edinburgh no later than 12 noon on the working day before the cremation service. For Saturday services, the forms should be lodged two working days in advance.