

# HOW CAN I TAKE THE BODY OF A RELATIVE BACK TO MEXICO?

This process is called shipping human remains and its purpose is to return to national territory the remains of Mexican citizens who died abroad.

## General recommendations:



To hire the services of a funeral home that will carry out the legal proceedings for the deceased in the United States



Process the death certificate in the Mexican consulate or, if appropriate, legalize the document. **The consulate does not apostille the act, it only performs the procedure before the competent US authority, to send it to the relatives in Mexico.**

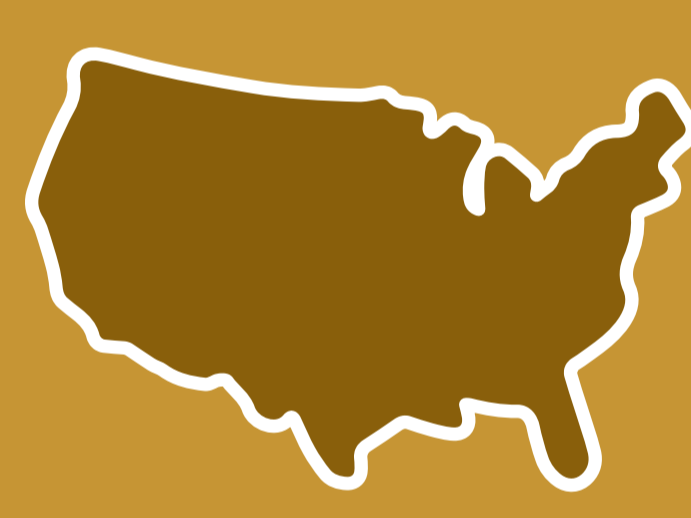
## You should have the following information about the deceased person:



- \* First name
- \* Date and time of death
- \* Cause of death
- \* Exact place of death
- \* Exact place where the deceased is
- \* Exact place where he/she will be transferred
- \* CURP (Population Register Code), voter id, social security number in the United States, and also birth certificate
- \* Any document that proves his/her identity and nationality (Mexican)



## You should have the following information about the person making the procedures:



### Responsible person in the United States:

- \* Name
- \* Location (full address and telephone numbers)

### Responsible person in Mexico:

- \* Name
- \* Location (full address and telephone numbers)

## What kind of help you will find at the consulate?



You will find guidance, advice and support to perform the necessary procedures for the transfer of remains or ashes to Mexico.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

When you make the repatriation procedures, verify the costs, as well as the costs of funeral homes in the United States and in Mexico. In case of requesting financial support from the Mexican consulate, it should be checked customarily for financial incapacity or lack of resources. If the financial support is authorized, the consulate will only cover the basic services of transfer and embalming or cremation. It is important to mention that this economic support can be partial or total.

If you have an urgent need to contact a consulate, check the numbers [HERE](#)