

# Grave Shoring and Burial (Skills Card)

## At a glance...

### Modular customised provision

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| Duration Notes:  | Up to 5 days                         |
| Delivery Method: | Practical observation and assessment |

## Introduction

The course will enable candidates to develop a knowledge of safe practices and procedures to improve safety awareness, customer care, types of equipment and maintenance within the cemetery.

## Overview in brief

Students will work through the full burial procedure, from grave location to backfilling and reinstatement of the grave or burial plot.

## The finer details

The candidates will be shown & demonstrated the full burial procedure. Then be asked to prove competency through a practical / theory assessment.

## Who should attend?

Any persons working within the bereavement industry in or around cemeteries or churchyards. May that be full time or personnel used for cemetery cover.

## What will be covered?

- PPE
- Risk assessment
- Health & safety
- Duty of care
- Legal responsibilities (The Local Authorities' Cemeteries Order 1977)





- Marking out of a new section
- Burial procedure
- Grave probing
- Setting out of grave size (coffin, tapered & casket)
- Turf protection
- Memorial protection
- Grave location
- Setting out grave size depending on type of shoring used
- Installation of soil box & walk boards
- Correct method of excavating (hand & machine)
- Soil types
- Grave dressing
- Burial protocol
- Burial procedure
- Coffin protection
- Methods of backfill
- Methods of shoring removal
- Backfilling protocol
- Placing of flower tributes
- Reinstatement of grave
- Reinstatement of the surrounding area.

Correct installation of the following will also be covered:

- Hydraulic grave shoring
- Timber grave shoring
- Panel & Jack grave shoring
- Telescopic grave shoring.

### Other areas of interest

- Use of a Dumper within the cemetery/Churchyard
- Use of a Gantry to lift and Lower Memorials
- Moving a Full Kerb Set Memorial.

