

Grave Shoring and Burial (Skills Card)



At a glance...

Modular customised provision

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 and Churchyard](#)

[Use of a Gantry to Lift and Lower Memorials](#)

[Moving a Full Kerb Set Memorial](#)

[Use of an Excavator to Excavate a Grave or a Burial Plot](#)

