

# Use of an Excavator to Excavate a Grave or a Burial Plot (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 skills needed to excavate a grave/burial plot to allow the unhindered passage of a coffin during burial within a Cemetery environment.

## Overview in brief

Students will learn to excavate a grave/burial plot, working within the confines of a cemetery/churchyard.

## The finer details

The candidates will be shown & demonstrated the full excavation 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
- Legal responsibilities (The Local Authorities' Cemeteries Order 1977)
- Pre-start checks
- Safety devices
- Excavator controls
- Travelling around site
- Grave location
- Setting out of a grave
- Tapered shaped grave
- Coffin shaped grave
- Casket shaped grave
- Turf protection
- Memorial protection
- Positioning and levelling of the excavator
- Excavating procedure and techniques
- Excavating through shoring
- Backfilling procedure and techniques
- Coffin protection
- Grave re-opening techniques
- Soil types
- Burial protocol
- Reinstatement of grave
- Reinstatement of the surrounding area
- Bucket changing
- Working on gradients.



## 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](#)

[Grave Shoring and Burial](#)

